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COMMENT OF THE DAY

REBELS' IN RED CAMP

WHEN Yugoslavia was expelled from the Cominform in 1948 it was thought that Marshal Tito had come to the chasm at the end of the Communist road. But, oddly enough, Marshal Tito did not obey Stalin and what is more he refused to knuckle under to the Communist ideological leader in the Kremlin. This act of lese-majeste did nothing to enhance his prestige and it can only be concluded that world opinion and Western warnings dissuaded the Soviet Union from taking positive action against the rebel in the Communist camp. Threats there were in plenty; the Moscow satire rattled in its members, but the outcome was only a battle of words and Marshal Tito stuck to his own brand of Communism—despite repeated warnings from the Kremlin.

Heal Breach

TIME appeared to heal the breach to some degree and in June 1955 after the death of Stalin Marshal Tito went to Moscow for consultations with the Soviet leaders, apparently in the hope that he could persuade them that both shades of red would not clash. Marshal Tito returned from that meeting in the Communist Mecca satisfied that he had converted the misguided and confused worshippers of Stalinist idols to the true Marxist faith. However much Marshal Tito may have undertaken to minimise disagreements and soft-pedal his criticism of Russia, there is no convincing evidence that he intended to give away anything of substance. And if the Marshal's manoeuvres west of the iron curtain are measured against his manoeuvres east of it, the two will be found to pretty well cancel out. This is not surprising if two basic facts about the Yugoslav Government are borne in mind.

More Pleasant

THE first is that it is, first, last and all the time a Communist regime and certainly more pleasant than most while the second basic fact about the Yugoslav regime is that it is determined to remain independent of any other Power, including Russia. Evidence of this latter fact has been only too well illustrated at the current Yugoslav Communist conference in Ljubljana where two top leaders have lashed out against Kremlin policies and tactics. Moscow has been told very bluntly that Yugoslavia will not tolerate interference in its own affairs.

However, this snub to the Russians cannot be interpreted as a swing towards the West. The Yugoslavs can complain, with some justice, that the West is too prone to turn a searching and suspicious eye on their relations with the Communist camp and a blind eye on any move that emphasises their independence.

In Your Saturday Mail

JOHN LUFF concludes his forthright, comment raising, personal dossier on "THE LAST DAYS OF SHANGHAI".

Other articles in your 20-page weekend China Mail Feature Paper:

- ★ EXPERT UNDER FIRE...accounts of the tensest moments in the history of London's criminal courts...by Edgar Lustgarten;
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And racing tips, social pictures of the week, films, and all your favourite features in the prize package for a "wet" or "shine" Hongkong weekend.

HK POLICE SMASH DRUG RING

Smuggling Narcotics Into US Ports

Detectives of the Hongkong Police, Narcotics Division, recently smashed a large international ring of drug smugglers operating out of the Colony into American ports.

Working in conjunction with the United States Customs authorities, the Hongkong Police have arrested a number of persons in the Colony, while eight persons in the United States have already been detained.

Paratroopers To Continue War Games

Fort Campbell, Apr. 24. Some 7,000 Ft. Campbell paratroopers in Kentucky are scheduled to jump on Saturday in continuing war games, despite a training tragedy yesterday in which five paratroopers were killed and 137 injured. The killed and injured in the mass jump of 1,200 men yesterday were dragged by their billowing parachutes over rough terrain dotted with trees. The Public Information Officer said today that "Saturday's jump has not been cancelled. It is still scheduled."

The Saturday drop is scheduled to take place over Suck Creek Drop Zone, where yesterday's tragedy occurred. No additional details of the scheduled drop can be released because of "training security," the PIO Office said.

TORTURE ALLEGED

Singapore, Apr. 24. The Singapore Legislative Assembly today rejected a call for a commission of inquiry into allegations that police had tortured left-wing political prisoners.

PORT UNION

The Communist-controlled Port Union also called a strike of its 4,000 harbour workers.

Armoured cars patrolled Colombo streets. Skeleton staffs, protected by the police, were at work in Government offices.

Prime Minister S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike said that the Government has taken strong action because a strike of public servants was unjustifiable, irresponsible and hardly in keeping with the principle of trade unionism.—United Press.

WOMAN TRIES TO FORCE WAY TO IKE

Washington, Apr. 24. Secret Service agents grabbed a struggling, screaming woman who approached today shouting: "I have to get to him."

The President who looked dumbfounded, said "I'm sorry" as agents hustled the slight, red-haired woman into a car and took her to a Secret Service field office.

The woman was identified as Mrs. Edith Finch of Brookline, Massachusetts. She was taken to the District of Columbia Hospital afterwards for observation.

NOT ARMED

The incident occurred as President and Mrs. Eisenhower were leaving the Smithsonian Institution where they had viewed a group of paintings by Sir Winston Churchill.

The Secret Service said the woman was not armed.

Mrs. Baughman said the same woman had tried to get in at a White House gate a week ago. Mr. Baughman said the woman received an allotment from her husband, a corporal in the Army. She gave her age as 42 then and 27 today, he said.

DRAGGED AWAY

Mr. Baughman said the woman claimed her husband was living with another woman who was receiving his allotment cheques. She also claimed that between her husband and the FBI, who was being checked out of a lot of money.

As she was dragged away, the woman screamed that the FBI was doing terrible things to her, including extortion. Mrs. Baughman had already got into the White House limousine before the woman approached the President and got within six feet of him.—United Press.

Violence In General Strike

Colombo, Apr. 24. Violence erupted today in the two-day general strike of public service workers.

Two men were injured when three bombs were thrown into a harbour engineer's workshop. A bomb was also thrown into a postal van but no one was injured.

Armed police dispersed pickets outside the Colombo General Post Office.

The strike centre shifted from the Government sector to the private sector when workers in 50 companies in Colombo struck in response to an appeal of the Ceylon Trade Union Federation, which claims a membership of 25,000.

BRITAIN'S NUCLEAR TESTS

Britain is today reported to have declared a 37,000-square-mile area of the Pacific "dangerous due to the test of a nuclear weapon from April 26."

The News Chronicle said that this warning to shipping about a new Christmas Island test has been issued by the Admiralty and the Foreign Office.

Informed sources had expected such a warning, but no confirmation could be obtained today from the Admiralty or Lloyd's Shipping Intelligence.

One will be the "warhead for the 2,500-mile rocket being developed in this country."

The British bombs, said the writer, will be sent by Valiant aircraft flying at over 10,000 feet and will burst two miles above the Pacific.

It will "take about ten years for the debris to drift to the earth."

About 3,000 British servicemen will be assisting the Valiant team, but Sir William Penney, Britain's atomic weapons chief, will not be present.

The News Chronicle writer also said that a "Berliner" age 400,000 square miles off the Pacific for tests at Eniwetok, 2,000 miles to the west.—Reuter.

THE BIGGEST

According to the News Chronicle, Britain will start within the next week "the biggest hydrogen bomb testing programme ever held in the Pacific."

The newspaper's science writer said that he understands Britain plans to test up to three hydrogen bombs.

Rebels Claimed To Have Retaken Port Of Padang

Singapore, Apr. 24. The rebel Central Sumatran radio claimed tonight insurgent troops had retaken Teluk Bayur, Port of Padang.

The radio said the attack came while the Government units were being deployed for a major offensive.

"We entered the town at 1200 noon today, and the Soekarno troops have been driven back to the beaches," the radio said.

Stronghold

Djakarta radio announced the fall of Siboga—the rebel stronghold in the Tapanuli district of Northern Sumatra, about 250 miles from Padang.

The Government radio said the rebel base fell today at 9.30 a.m.

The 133rd Infantry Battalion, under a Major Shihlan, entered the town after one hour's fighting on the outskirts, the radio said.

The radio said there were no casualties among the Government troops, and a large quantity of small arms and ammunition had been recovered.

It claimed the battalion's advance to Siboga had been a triumphal progress, with only slight resistance from the rebels, and a warm welcome from local people, who greeted the invading troops with cries of "Merdeka—freedom."

New Theatre

The battalion had picked up 20 rebel prisoners along the road to Siboga, the radio said. It also had some captured rebel motor transport.

A new theatre of war was opened on the far northern outskirts of Indonesia three days ago, according to both Djakarta and Bukittinggi (rebel) radios.

The rebel report, confirmed by Djakarta radio, said that on April 21, two rebel aircraft bombed Kruppas Airport on Morot Island in the north Moluccas group.

Djakarta radio said the bombers had damaged the runway and some buildings on the airfield, but there had been no casualties.—Reuter.

Old Shells Blow Up Children

Maubouge, Apr. 24. Five children—the youngest aged five and the oldest 13—were killed today when a shell left over from the German invasion of France exploded in their faces.

Four of the children died outright and a fifth died in a hospital. A sixth child was badly injured.

In Budapest, an exploding World War II shell killed six children and injured three others seriously, the Budapest newspaper Magyar Nemzet said today.

It said that a group of children aged between five and 15 years found the shell in a wood near Besnyo, south of Budapest.—United Press.

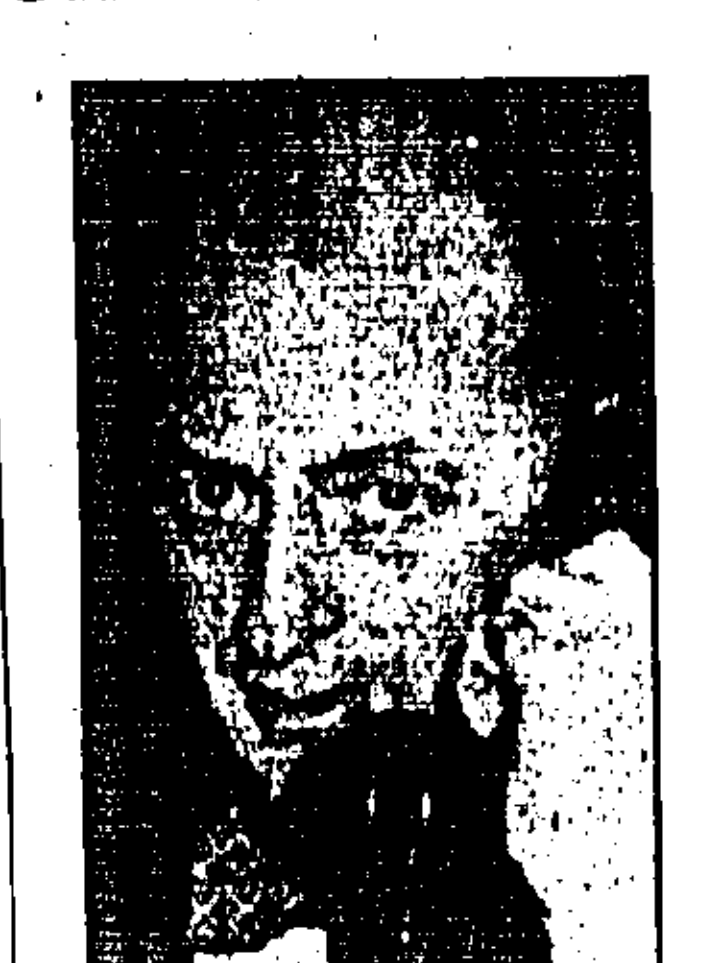
Plane Flies By Flapping Wings

Hanover, Apr. 24. A small prototype aircraft designed to fly by flapping plastic wings was shown to the press here today prior to exhibition at the Hanover Industries Fair.

The aircraft, called an ornithopter by its designer Herr Walter Filler, uses a small jet for taking off. Once airborne, the designer says, the power driven wings will take over.

The prototype, which has not yet flown, is claimed to have a cruising speed of about 60 miles-an-hour and will sell for about £2,800.—China Mail Special.

SIR ALEXANDER



ON HOW TO PREVENT ASIA GOING RED

Boston, Apr. 24. Sir Alexander Grantham, former Governor of Hongkong, said today "a Marshall Plan aid programme could prevent Asia from slipping into the Communist fold."

Sir Alexander said that as a long-term investment it would benefit the Western powers to assist under-developed Asian countries.

"They need help from the outside and they will look to Russia if we do not help them," Or China he said. "I do not expect, in the foreseeable future, any break between Russia and China. Nor do I see anything that points to an internal revolt."

He thought China would be eventually recognised by the United Nations.

THE KEY

India, Sir Alexander thought, holds the key as to whether Asia will go Communist.

"India has learned the workings of the Free World and stresses the importance of the individual in its policy. This cannot be said for China. Asians are watching these two, India and China, to see which will succeed. If India fails and finally turns to Communism, so will the other smaller countries in Asia. Thus we must give them all the assistance possible to prove to the rest of Asia the benefits of the Free World."

United Press

Merger

Washington, Apr. 24. President Eisenhower today sent to Congress a proposed merger of the Office of Defence Mobilisation, the Government's Strategic Stockpiling Agency, with the Federal Civil Defence Administration, for economy and efficiency reasons.—Reuter.

Want Police Head Removed

Valletta, Apr. 24. Malta's Labour Ministers today called for the removal of the Malta Police Commissioner, Mr V. B. De Gray, who last night ordered his men to break up Labour Party demonstrations.

They announced over the local radio relay system that they had decided to advise the Governor, Sir Robert Laycock, to dismiss Mr De Gray under powers given him by the local Police Ordinance.

Mr Lennox-Boyd spoke to Mr De Gray by telephone this afternoon, expressing full confidence in him.

The Police Commissioner was given a great ovation by his officers known at police headquarters.—Reuter.

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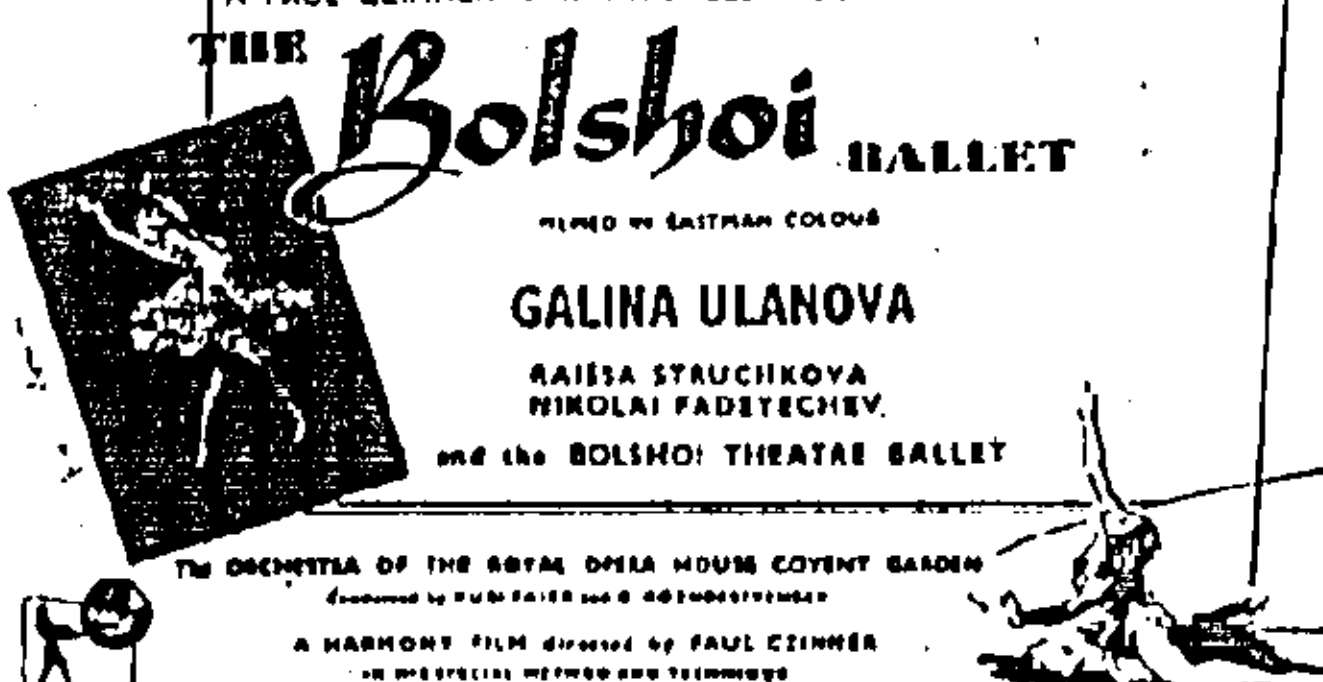
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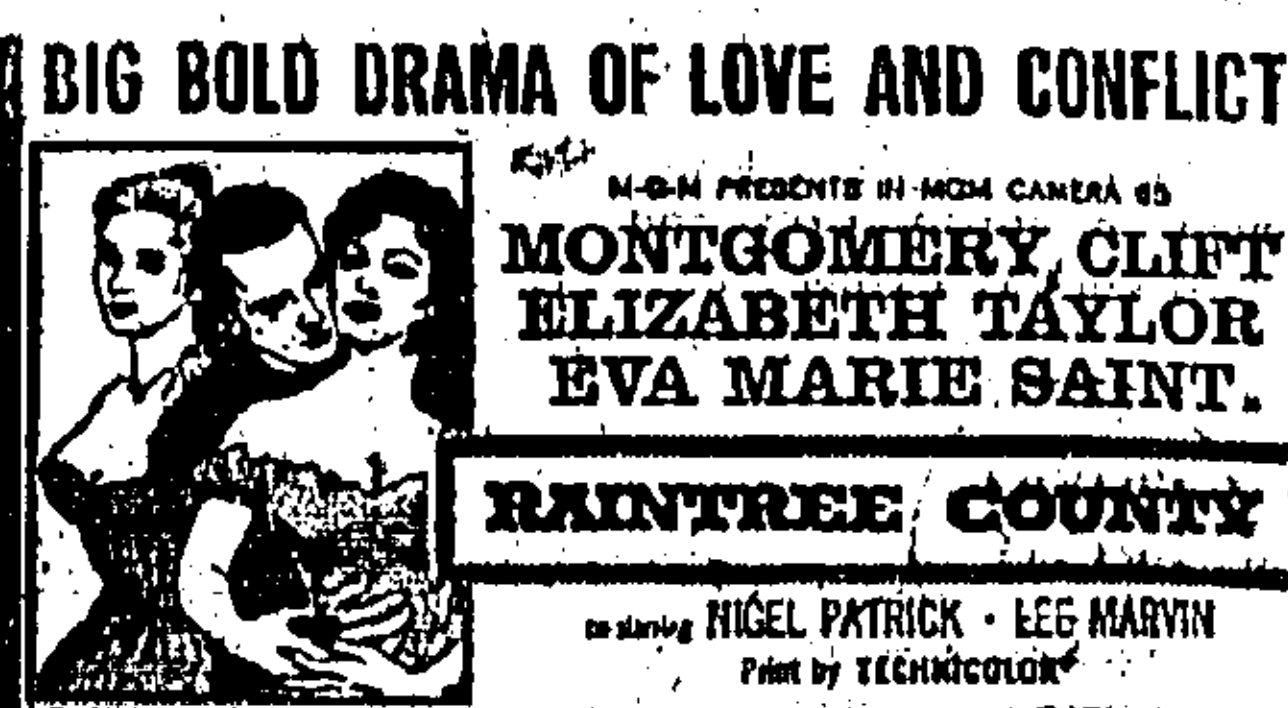


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New Era Coming, Soekarno Warns The West

Djakarta, Apr. 24.

President Soekarno declared tonight that Socialism is "a historical certainty" and that Capitalism and Imperialism are destined to fall.

"Only those blind to history cannot see the new era coming," he said in a speech at an anti-Colonialism rally marking the third anniversary of the Bandung conference of Asian and African nations in 1955.

Not once did the President mention the fighting on Sumatra where his forces, driving through the Tapanuli District in the West of the island, occupied the key rebel seaport of Sibolga.

The rebels there put up only token resistance and left behind some arms.

The capture of Sibolga, about 200 miles north of Padang, means that the loyalist forces, starting from Medan in the north, cut from East to West across the entire island.

However, Maj. Gen. Abdul Haris Nasution, Chief of Staff of the Army, said at the same rally that "foreign warships" were in waters off the rebel-held port of Celebes Island. Government forces were expected to attack in Celebes once the Sumatran rebellion is put down.

ARMS

"Arms we have tried to buy for years were presented to the rebels," Nasution asserted. Nasution said that "foreign subversions" have supplied arms, planes, and pilots to the rebel side. He did not mention any country but the Army previously had charged that American-made weapons, which had originated in Taiwan, were air-dropped.

Soekarno told an overflow crowd of 4,000 persons at Merdeka Palace that "trends" visible in the 20th Century are the trend of emergence of Socialist nations and the trend of emergence of independent nations of Asia and Africa.

He warned the West against attempts to block the surge of Nationalism.

The Asian and African countries, he added, faced dangers that were brought on by the Capitalistic system.

DANGER

"The danger of the A-bomb and the H-bomb—all born of Capitalistic system—should be wiped out," he said. "We can achieve our ideals."

People living in 13 Socialist nations total one-third of the human race, he said. "Add to this the people of new Asian and African nations, and those still fighting for independence, and you have a total of 2,400,000,000," he added. "Isn't this an indication of the times?"

"Only if the people of Asia and Africa walk together in co-operation will we be able to overcome the suffering of hundreds of years," Soekarno said.

Nasution told the crowd that foreign warships had also lurked in the Sumatran area when the government opened all-out military operations against the rebels.

"Colonialistic elements gladly use the rebels to attack the spirit of national independence," he said.

He also said that the Dutch were attempting to strengthen their position in West New Guinea now that they thought the Indonesian government's attention had been diverted.

"Any intervention will be faced properly," he said.

Nasution said that 2,000 pieces of military equipment that had been supplied to the rebels were turned over to the Darul Islam Movement at Atjeh, North Sumatra.—United Press.

I Want An Explanation! Says Sir Bernard

The Dockers Spend Last Night On Riviera

Cannes, Apr. 24.

Blonde British socialite Lady Docker and her wealthy industrialist husband, Sir Bernard Docker, who have both been banished from the pocket state of Monaco and the French Riviera, spent their last night on the Mediterranean playground—in the Casino here.

"With champagne, of course," Sir Bernard said before they left their hotel.

Tomorrow they are expected to fly back to London.

The expulsion order becomes effective at midnight tomorrow.

Lady Docker was banished from Monaco—ruled by Prince Rainier, husband of the former Hollywood film star Grace Kelly—on Tuesday for tearing up a tiny paper Monagasque flag.

Prince Rainier's government today issued an official communique explaining why the expulsion order made against Lady Docker had also been applied to her husband.

The communique said Sir Bernard, who had been present at the time, had "not seen fit to show any disapproval or opposition and had expressed no regret about this offensive attitude."

Elliot Richardson, acting Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, said Indians were "about half a century" behind "with respect to the application of sanitary science to disease prevention."

He made the statements in rendering Congress a proposed bill to clarify the Public Health Service's authority to provide sanitation facilities for Indians.

The bill also would apply to facilities for the Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts of Alaska.

The bill would grant the service explicit authority to provide domestic and community water supplies, sewage disposal and other facilities.—United Press.

Tengku's Advice To Newly-Weds

Kuala Lumpur, Apr. 24.

Malaya's Prime Minister Tengku Abdul Rahman took time out today to give advice on a successful marriage.

Speaking at a reception at the wedding of the niece of Malaya's High Commissioner in India, S. Chelvasingam, the Prime Minister said he agreed with the six-point British plan for a successful marriage, but he would like to see certain amendments adopted by Malayan newly-weds.

The six-point marriage plan proposed by British doctor Dick Glover in the British Medical Association booklet advises:

1. Start with a little something behind you; 2. Tell your wife how much you love her; 3. Make her a regular allowance; 4. Choose friends from among those who care what you do; 5. Have a sense of proportion about spending; 6. Save for emergencies.

Rahman said this advice was excellent for Malayan couples but he said husbands must also be given a chance. He said wives should be told of spending, but husbands should make allowances as there would be a "rebate" for the rainy days.

He added, however, "Regular allowances for the wife can be done liberally, as one can always be sure of borrowing it from her."

The Prime Minister admitted he himself had not found it necessary to practice the six points but added laughingly that he thought he should in order to make his marriage a "success."

—United Press.

Island For Australia

London, Apr. 24.

A bill to place Christmas Island in the Indian Ocean under the authority of Australia was given an unopposed second reading—agreement in principle—in the House of Lords today.

The island, not to be confused with that in the Pacific where Britain conducts her nuclear tests, was annexed by the British crown in 1888.—Reuter.

Polls In China

Peking, Apr. 24.

Elections at basic levels are now in progress in nine of the ten counties or cities throughout China, the New China News Agency announced tonight.—France Press.

The Treasure Hunt Goes On In Malaya

Ipooh, Apr. 24.

THE "Suzuki" treasure syndicate of Singapore businessmen is stepping up its hunt for lost Japanese treasure worth according to popular legend, about 2,235,000 sterling, buried here by the retreating Japanese army.

According to the legend the burial of the treasure was supervised by an intelligence officer who masqueraded under the name of Suzuki.

The syndicate has been searching for the treasure for more than two months. After working over an area adjacent to the sea wall with an American mine detector, they dug three holes, and today started on the fourth.

This is the syndicate's second attempt on the loot.—Reuter.

A Seagull Caused Man's Death Boy's Vain Bid To Save Father

Newport, Apr. 24.

An eight-year-old boy told the tale of Wight corner, Mr. J. V. Bullin, how he tried to save his father after he had fallen into the sea near here while freeing a seagull.

A verdict of death from misadventure was recorded on Frederick Charles Bailey, 44, a member of the Portsmouth City Police Force.

His son Peter, said that he and his father went on the beach to release a seagull which his mother had found the previous day. They tried to feed it but it would not eat.

SEAGULL

"Daddy bent down," said the boy, "to put the seagull into the water. I don't know whether it pecked him or not but he seemed to let the bird go."

"He stood up and then fell backwards into the water. He hit his head on a big lump of chalk. He tried to reach out with his hands but they slipped on the rocks and he lost his grip."

"I jumped into the water and kept his head out of the water and shouted for help."

Herbert Percival Dent, of Tolworth Road, Boreham Wood, Herts, said the boy was standing waist-deep in the sea holding his father's head above water. He helped to raise the body on the rocks until further help arrived.

Pathologist Dr. Peter Swinstead, said that Bailey died from heart failure brought on by the shock of immersion.—China Mail Special.

Plea To Dag

Cairo, Apr. 24.

The Secretary-General of the Arab League, Abdul Khalek Hassouna, today called the United Nations Secretary-General Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, asking him to intervene immediately to stop Israeli troops concentrating in Jerusalem.

He said the Israeli troops "menaced peace in the Middle East."—Reuter.

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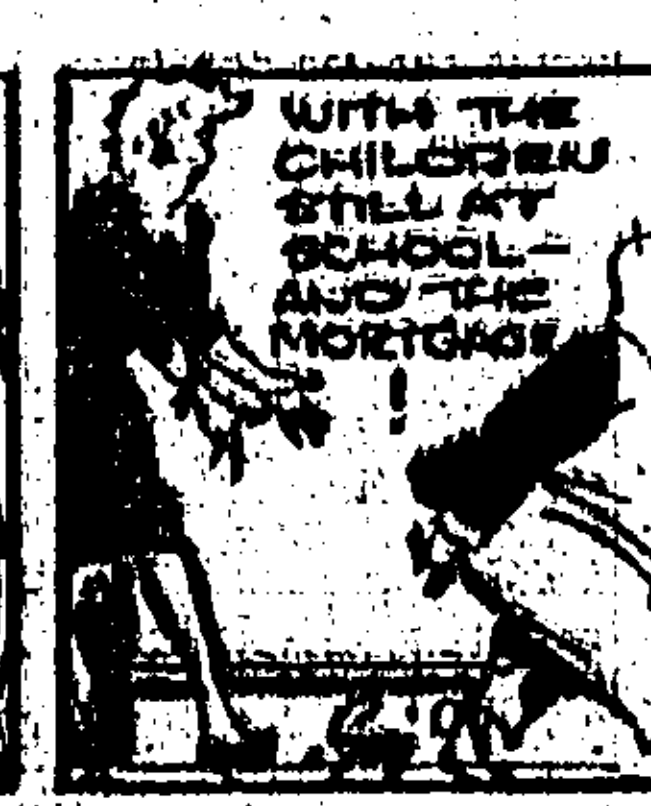
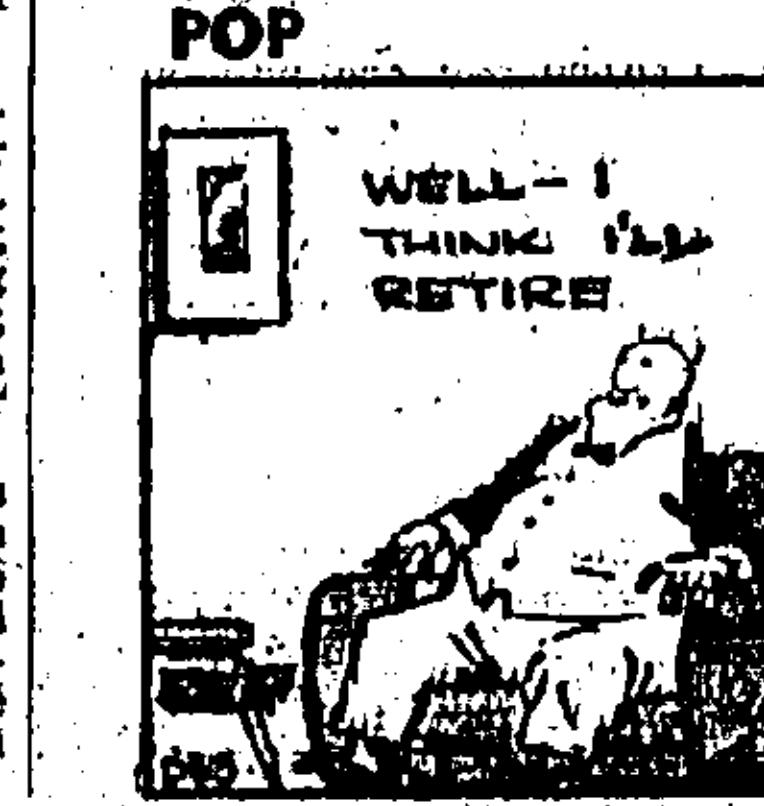
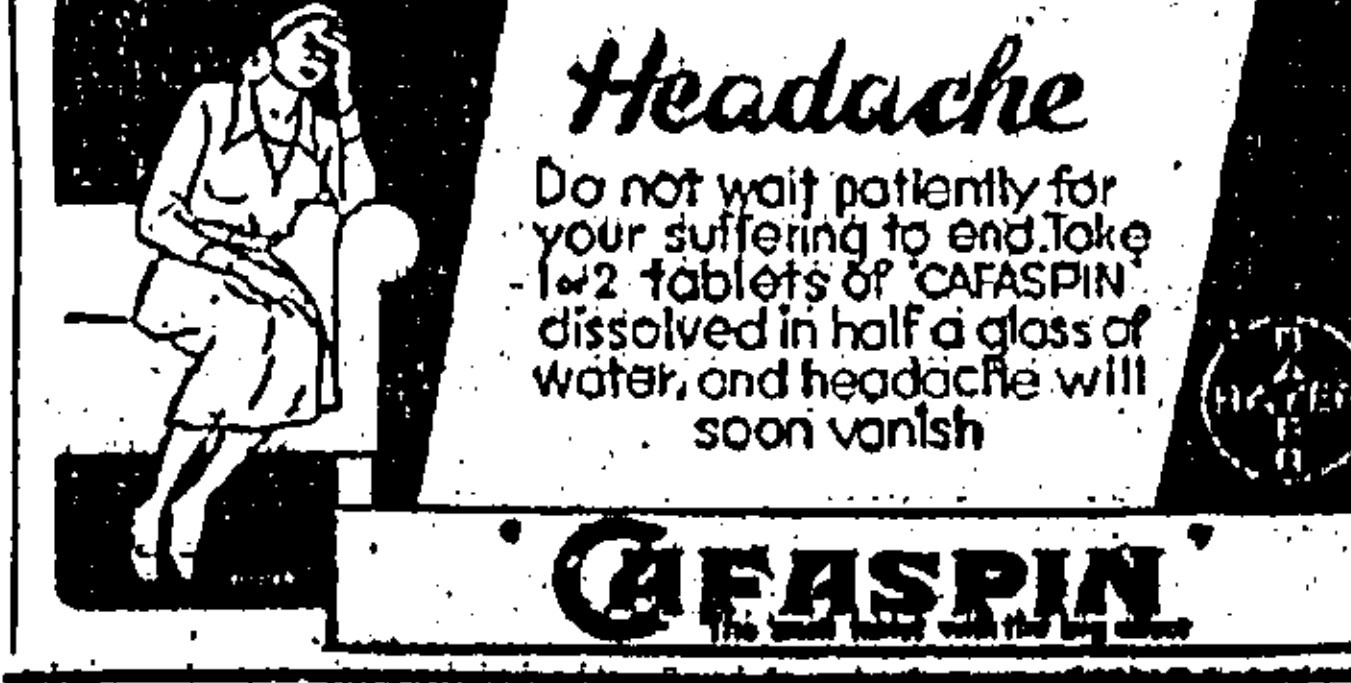
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CABLE BRIEFS

Osaka, Apr. 24.
If there's one thing Japanese can get really angry about, it's politeness.

Fifteen movie patrons were quietly philosophical throughout the hour they were trapped to gether in a stuck theatre elevator.

But when they got out and found that not a single theatre official had stayed behind to apologise for the inconvenience, they staged a sit-down strike in the manager's office until he was routed out of bed, came back and said—politely—he was sorry.—United Press.

Atlanta, Apr. 24.
Lloyd B. Bowman, 21, just dropped in at the police station for a chat with Detective B. D. Duncan.

As they talked, a "wanted" bulletin blared on the police radio.
Duncan took a look, found a man on his visitor, and escorted him to a cell.—United Press.

Chesterfield, Apr. 24.
The local Road Safety Committee began a campaign today to induce women to PULL their baby carriages instead of PUSHING them.
Committee member Mark Evans said he narrowly missed running over the baby when a mother unexpectedly pushed a carriage into the street from between two parked cars.—United Press.

Chicago, Apr. 24.
Janice Kane, 23, is the only girl student in a Chicago medical school.
"At times I feel like I have 360 big brothers," Miss Kane said today.—United Press.

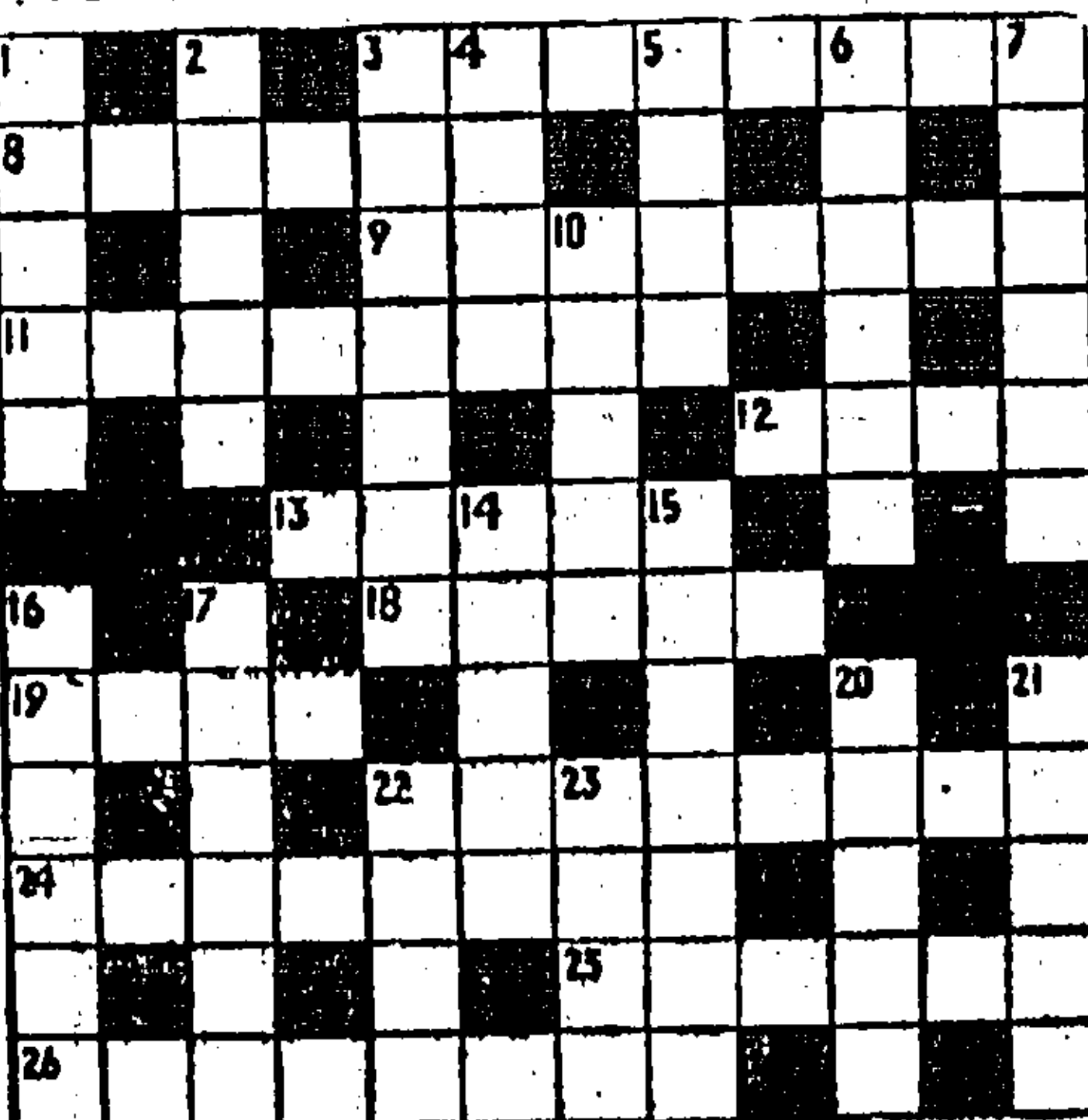
Tokyo, Apr. 24.
Detective Sergeant Toshiro Asahama, 42, assigned to a special anti-pickpocket detail, was arrested on a train by two other detectives—for picking pockets.—United Press.

Bristol, Apr. 24.
A contracting firm began demolition today of a nearly-completed US\$600,000 apartment building because of "a small dimensional discrepancy."
The 11-story building had been found to be four inches off true up and down.—United Press.

Walesby, Apr. 24.
A boat arrived here by train today after a two-day delay caused by its eating the destination far hung around its neck.—United Press.

Birmingham, Apr. 24.
Fines for speeding were paid here by James R. Quick, Col. L. Hasty and Harold P. Early.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



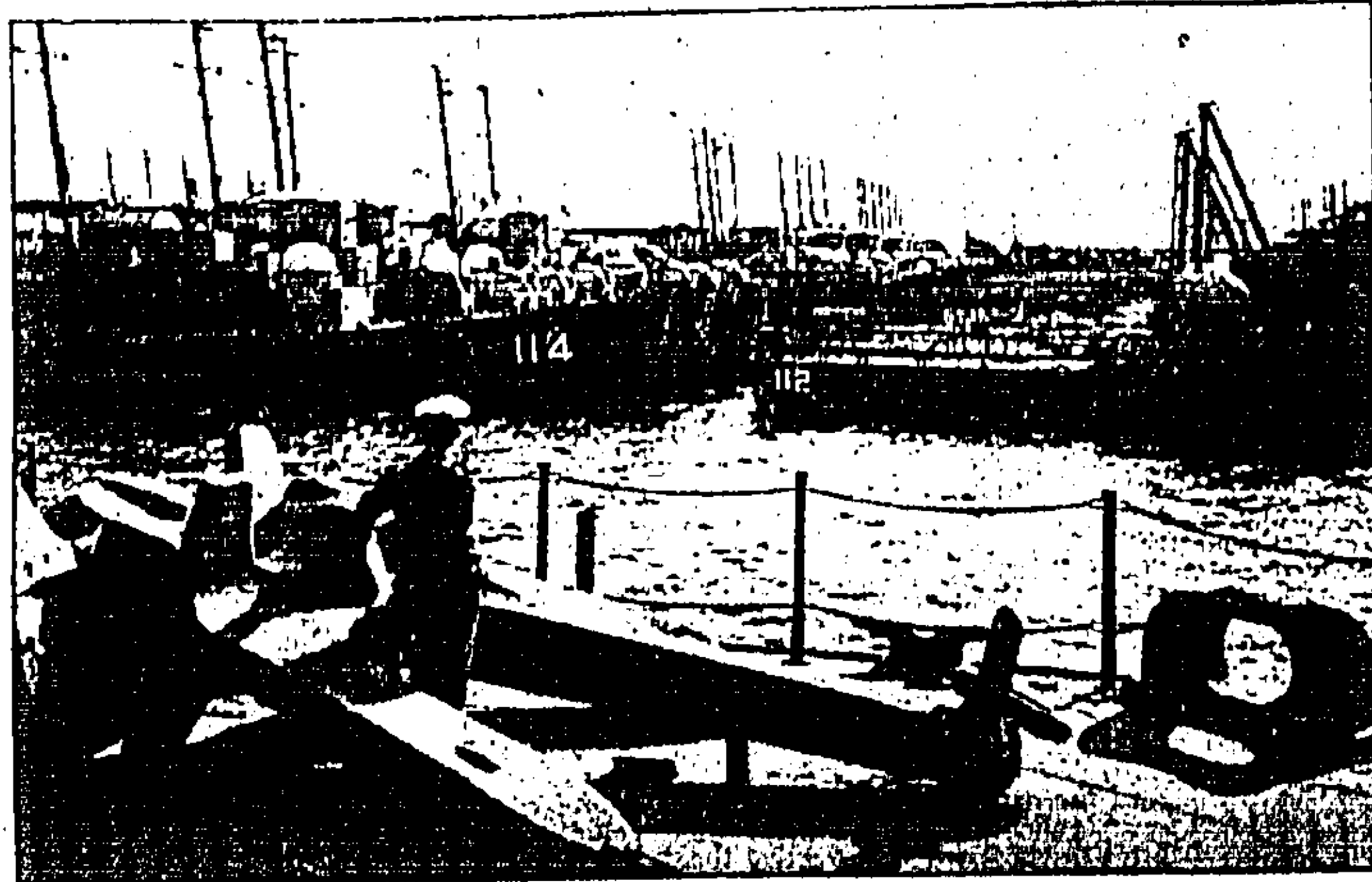
- ACROSS**
- 3 A "sucker, so to speak" (8).
 - 8 Life-giving fluid (6).
 - 9 Work on hand (8).
 - 11 The popping of the question (8).
 - 12 In my view it's a book (4).
 - 13 For trying theatrically? (9).
 - 18 How Doyle might sing? (4).
 - 19 Long measure in London (4).
 - 22 Kender mad (8).
 - 24 Example in a way of standing (8).
 - 25 It might take the bruise out of the bruiser (6).
 - 26 It deserves applause and another (4, 4).
- DOWN**
- 1 Piles out of shape (5).
 - 2 A little bit of counsel (5).
 - 3 Sky fellow? (7).
 - 4 Periods of importance (4).
 - 5 Turned by cowards (4).
 - 6 Robinson (6).
 - 7 No Rugby team, this (10).
 - 10 Barely visible? (5).
 - 14 Hood, maybe (3).
 - 15 Wild film? (7).
 - 16 Telling off a sailor (6).
 - 17 Usually preceded by "Hey" (6).
 - 20 Customary costume? (5).
 - 21 Parts up (5).
 - 22 Just crazy (4).
 - 23 Mark left (4).

THURSDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 King-crab, 7 Arena, 8 Unilateral, 10 Kernal, 15 Silence, 16 Have, 17 Oricle, 18 Restive, 20 Aris, 21 Echidna, 26 Tether, 27 Converse, 28 Down, 29 Dredgers, 30 Puck, 31 Pearl, 32 Karen, 33 Grip, 34 Ritual, 35 Burge, 36 Alcove, 37 Elder(dow), 38 Nowits, 39 Ercots, 40 Hop it, 41 Verze, 42 Ran-C.I.D., 43 Stance, 44 Heeds, 45 Dhows, 46 A-roy, 47 Berg.

Clouds Of Insects Spread Over Ten Countries

Locusts Invade Middle East

AMERICA'S "MOTHBALL" FLEET



PART of America's "mothball fleet" lies in semi-retirement, as can be seen from this picture taken at Green Cove Springs, Florida, where hundreds of warships are lined up along a wide concrete pier.—Express.

Naga Tribe Raids Railway

Calcutta, Apr. 24.
A railway worker was killed and another seriously injured when armed Naga tribesmen launched a surprise raid on the Maibong railway station, 15 miles from Imphal, in the North Cachar hills of Assam early today.

The raiders ransacked the station and nearby community project headquarters before fleeing back to the jungle with their loot.

Strong police forces have been rushed to the area in an attempt to run the raiders to earth.—France-Press.

Plebiscite

Munich, Apr. 24.
The Bavarian state parliament today rejected by 104 votes to 76 a Social Democratic proposal to hold a plebiscite in this South German state on atomic arms for the West German Army.—China Mail Special.

ONE SATELLITE EVERY MONTH PROJECT PLANNED BY US

CHIEF SPACE SCIENTIST REVEALS DETAILS

Washington, Apr. 24.
The Defence Department's chief space scientist said today that the United States was considering launching a satellite a month, starting next January.

The proposed timetable was given to a special House Committee studying space problems by Herbert York, top scientist in the Pentagon's new Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA).

Dr York said the agency was planning a continuing satellite

programme that would call for launching possibly 12 satellites a year. He said it would begin when the current International Geophysical Year satellite programme left off next December.

The scientist said ARPA was planning a broad space programme, including development of a giant rocket engine with one million pounds of thrust, five shots at the moon previously announced, two more Army satellites and various "moon in space" projects.

He said many of the non-military projects would be transferred to President Eisenhower's proposed Civilian National Aeronautics and Space Agency if it is set up by Congress.

Dr York outlined the following ARPA programme:

- Planning programmes looking toward development of parts for much bigger rockets, better rocket radio systems and guidance and control systems.
- A review of the practical applications of space projects.

Wild Festivity At Weddings

Condemned

Church Denounces Celebrations

Stamway, Apr. 24.
The outer isles presbytery of the Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland has passed a resolution here viewing with "profound grief and alarm" the wild but "all too common" festivities following local marriage ceremonies.

At a recent meeting they condemned the practice of drunkenness and dancing at wedding celebrations.

Now they have asked their people to comply with these regulations, among others, at weddings:

- "That old and young enjoy themselves without having recourse to drunkenness which destroys any feeling of shame, stimulates the senses, shamefully degrades men and women, and gives rise to filthy jesting and gestures."

INFLAME

• "That they do not have recourse to promiscuous dancing so well fitted to inflame and set ablaze untold and unclean passion."

• "That ministers make it their business to enquire beforehand regarding the conduct which is to follow the wedding ceremony before they consent to perform the marriage."

The Presbytery adds this warning: "Should members in full communion be involved, the sessions (parishes) concerned are reminded to have no hesitation in taking disciplinary action."—China Mail Special.

VACCINE FOR PAKISTAN

Karachi, Apr. 24.
A consignment of 21,400 doses of smallpox and cholera vaccine was flown here from Sydney today to help fight epidemics which have killed 10,000 people in East Pakistan this month.

Vaccine has already been received from Britain, West Germany, Switzerland and the United States.—Reuters.

Sixty Int'l Teams Battle Against Swarming Plague

Rome, Apr. 24.

Millions of locusts are swarming over ten countries of the Middle East in an "alarming" invasion and the plague may spread still further, the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) said tonight.

Sixty international teams were battling the locusts in Saudi-Arabia and national organisations in other Middle Eastern countries have joined the struggle, but their forces may prove inadequate, the FAO said. It said "urgent assistance" had been requested by various governments.

The locusts, apparently originating in East Africa, spread at amazing speed and covered a full

2,000 miles in six months, the FAO said. A single swarm reported from Northern Iraq was 50 miles long.

"This alarming phase of the desert locust plague is believed to have started from breeding areas in the Somali Peninsula", said O. B. Leach, FAO specialist.

Speed

"Swarms crossed the Red Sea in January and spread northwards through Yemen and Saudi-Arabia at an exceptional speed."

"During February and March, Jordan, Israel, Syria, Iraq and Iran became heavily infested and at least one swarm reached Pakistan."

"In April swarms entered Turkey, a country which had remained free from the desert locust since 1953."

Despite "strenuous efforts" to battle locusts, FAO officials said there was a danger that now swarms may form and carry the locust plague as far as India, other swarms may return to Africa.

A FAO sub-committee will meet in Cairo on Saturday to review the international campaign in Saudi-Arabia.—United Press.

SORAYA TO SEE A SHOW

New York, Apr. 24.
Princess Soraya of Iran will have her wish fulfilled—she will see the Broadway production of "My Fair Lady" tonight.

Three seats have been set aside for her and her family at the Mark Hellinger Theatre. The tickets were provided by Richard Mancy, publicity man for the show.

Earlier, several persons offered to relinquish their seats so Princess Soraya could see the hit musical.—United Press.

Lana's Daughter To Live With Grandmother

Santa Monica, Apr. 24.
Cheryl Crane, daughter of Lana Turner, will live with her grandmother for two months until a permanent settlement can be worked out, Attorney Arthur Crowley said tonight.

The decision of the Court, made by Judge Allen Lynch, came after a hearing of less than two hours.

Lana Turner did not look happy at the outcome. She had hoped to obtain custody of her 14-year-old daughter.

Later, a small army of process servers, three of them women, besieged Lana Turner with subpoenas to appear for a \$750,000 suit over the death of her lover Johnny Stompanale.

SUMMONS

Two of the women reached Miss Turner's aide as she arrived for her daughter Cheryl's superior court hearing in the Stompanale slaying.

"What is this?" asked the actress.

"It's a summons," snapped the process server.

Miss Turner handed the paper to her mother, Mrs. Mildred Turner, while her lawyer, Jerry Giesler, reached out and took the other summons.

The actress, her daughter, and the star's ex-husband, Stephen Crane, father of Cheryl, were named defendants in the "wrongful death" suit filed on behalf of Stompanale's 10-year-old son, Johnny, 91

Over 238,000 In Grim Fight

CHINA'S DESPERATE BATTLE TO SAVE SPRING CROPS

Peking, Apr. 24.

Peasants, reinforced by troops and city workers, are battling day and night against the winter-long drought to safeguard the spring crops now being sown in many parts of China.

More than 238,000 emergency labourers have moved into the fields of the Chungking minority region of Kwangsi Province in the south to help the farm folk to dig ditches and wells.

On one day this week more than 20,000 "volunteers" left Peking for the countryside of the surrounding Hopei Province where no rain has fallen for seven months.

Buckets, carts, lorries, and pipes are also being despatched to farms where the government reports a shortage of recipients to carry water to the fields.

The Peking People's Daily, organ of the Chinese Communist Party, reported today that in the immediate vicinity of Peking the drought had prevented the sowing of 200,000 acres of 600,000 acres destined for spring seed.

But in the north of the capital's Hopei Province almost two million acres had been

sown—thanks to the efforts of emergency teams.

These include officials from the foreign and trade ministries and troops commanded by three generals.

Peking's fourth rainfall this year produced only between two and four inches today, according to Peking Evening News. The newspaper said that although this rain is welcome it will have little effect in areas where the drought is already serious.

EFFICIENCY

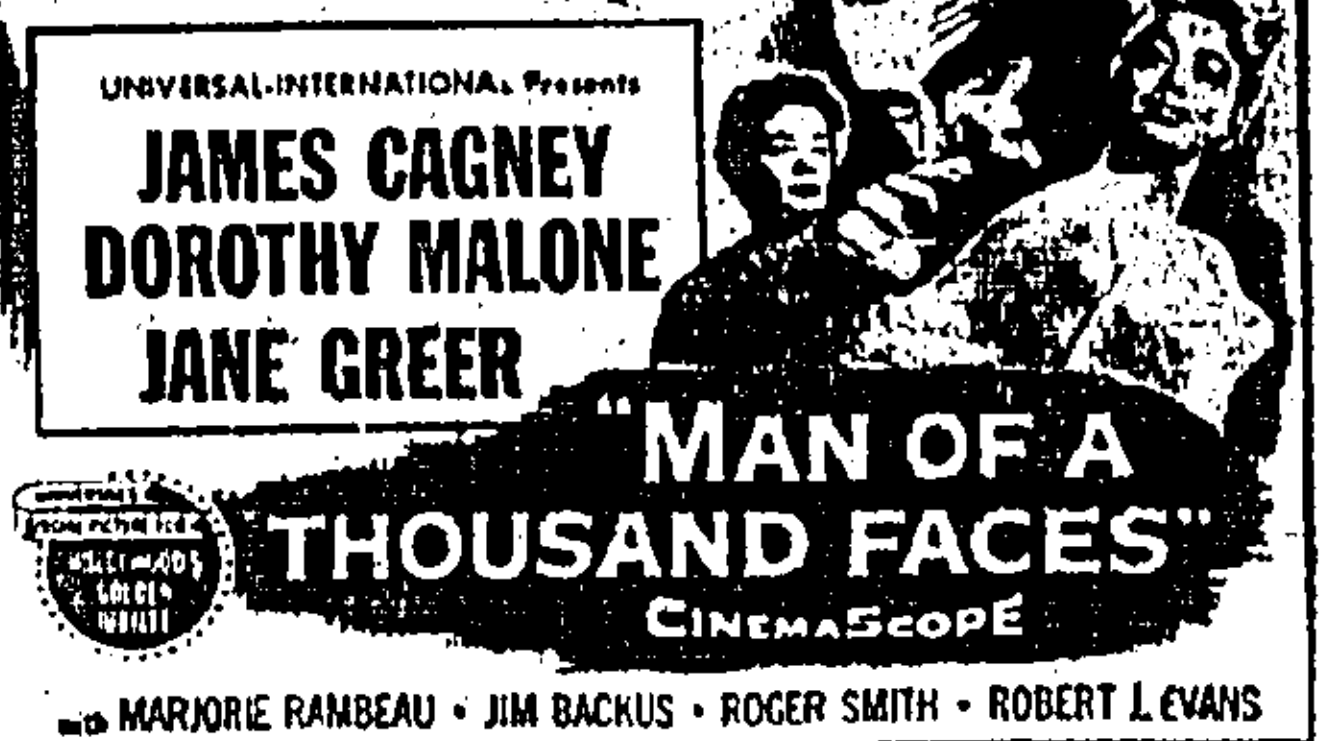
The Peking People's Daily said in an editorial: "It is unquestionable that the efficiency of co-operative farms and the policy of state purchase and sale of crops will enable us to cope with the spring drought." It added: "Peasants who are really short of grain must be supplied... but there must be no general increase in the consumption of grain."—Reuters.

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Portuguese Government Anniversary Macao Prepares

Macao, Apr. 25.
Macao is preparing to commemorate Dr Salazar's 30th anniversary in the Portuguese Government, this coming Sunday, April 27.

The number of separate celebrations has been curtailed, at the Prime Minister's request, to a simple ceremony.

It will consist of a rally in front of Government House in the morning, followed by a few appropriate speeches. A "message" meant for Dr Salazar, will be handed to HE the Governor, Pedro Correia de Sa, for ultimate delivery in Lisbon.

ADDRESS ASSEMBLY

Then, His Excellency will address the assembly at the close of the meeting.

Later, a Te Deum will be held at the Cathedral at 11.30 a.m.

It was on April 27, 1928 that Dr Antonio de Oliveira Salazar, then a law professor at the University of Coimbra, was installed at the Portuguese Finance Ministry.—France-Press.

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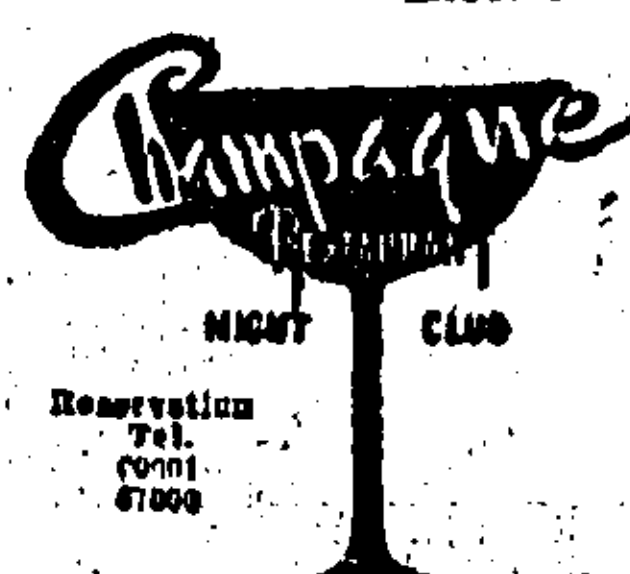
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THE China Mail today gives first airing to a new experiment in interviewing. Over a well-laden table-top are brought together two people, who (with reasonable fairness) be dressed respectively as saint and sinner. Recording and refereeing the encounter is Patricia Lewis, who is pledged to bring out the best of both worlds.

Saints and Sinners

If sinning should ever require formal dress I propose Mr Terry-Thomas as Number-One Style Setter. With marvellous, un-self-conscious flair he arrived to sup with my "saint" as if straight from a conference on soul-mates with Mr Downstairs.

There was a rush of cold night wind... the curtains covering the bar doorway billowed... and in the gap appeared T-T, like the embodiment of Edwardiana.

His coat was grey with a curly-fur collar. His suit was dark,uffed at the wrists, and open to show a splendid waist of fermenting-plum satin with golden disc, silver watch and smoky topaz hanging from the fob-pocket.

He grinned famously. And between his well-spaced front teeth I noticed an ebony cigarette holder entwined with gold and diamonds like Eden's serpent.

He pegged his coat, and I saw, with a start, a blood-red carnation spurling from his buttonhole.

"Jolly good show!" he said. "You're ahead of me... I'll have a Campari with a lops twist of orange-peel, barmen!"

Signed the pledge

I MUST explain that it was only myself who was ahead of Mr Thomas, for my other guest was the Rev. Robert Taylor, 52-year-old, teetotal secretary of the Band of Hope Union—the gentleman who, last summer, got four peers and 30 MPs to sign a pledge to abstain from alcohol.

"I say!" exclaimed Terry-Thomas, eyeing Mr Taylor's quiet, self-patterned silver tie. "Don't you wear a dog-eared?" Mr Taylor smiled patiently. "Not for business—people think you must be stupid about commercial matters." T-T tried a new tack. Well, are you a strict Sabbatarian? Because I've wanted to get to grips with one ever since I spent a Sunday in Edinburgh.

Mr Taylor ordered an orange juice and took a deep breath. "But, Mr Thomas, temperance is a rule—otherwise our Sunday is in danger of becoming a Continental Sunday, and then what happens to the children?" "Our other reason against it is the way the Continental Sunday creates unnecessary work for people who should be taking their day-off rest."

"Mr Taylor, I'm in show business, and in my profession you're lucky if you get one free Sunday in ten."

"But that doesn't help the children."

"Oh! Come now. Kids of 12 and 13 don't drink... Girls of 14 dress up as 18 and go into pubs and misbehave so badly the police have to take them home. Convictions for drunkenness among young people have increased by nearly 250 per cent since 1949."

In the silence that followed, it seemed a good moment to organise some food.

* Obviously easy.

The atmosphere

WE moved upstairs and much he liked eating where we were because it had such a "gemutlich" atmosphere.

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They sat us in the corner of a sudden T-T. advised Mr Taylor to try the turtle soup—with sherry. And Mr Taylor said T-T. would get him the rack but would he sign his daughter's autograph book anyway?

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famous men... who've not only ruined their careers but their whole lives because they drank and didn't know how to. Naturally, they were all very emotional types. Mind you, he whispered, "most comedians are manic depressives until they've had a couple."

T-T. returned to his steak while Mr Taylor thoughtfully digested his duck.

"Of course," he said after a minute, "medically speaking drink's a depressant... a drug. It goes straight to the brain, stifling self-criticism, self-respect, and..."

Aghast, the comedian pushed aside his plate.

"Mr Taylor! Are you serious? When you see a man relaxed and laughing his head off do you really think he's depressed?"

"Well, if he isn't at first he will be later."

"But, if you deprive this man of his drink, just what are you hunting? Not yourself, because you don't like it."

"I know, I can't even drink beer. Yet when I think it could be my boy—or a million like him—I'm convinced there's evil in alcohol."

Terry-Thomas shook his head, sliced the top off a cigar and worked it into a second, stubbler holder.

Pulling until the tobacco caught, he chuckled.

"I say! Wouldn't we lose a lot of jokes if it weren't for old demon drink? Did you hear the one about the drunk who staggered up to a house, knocked on the door, and asked if it was Alcoholics Anonymous? The owner said: 'Yes, do you want to join?' And the drunk said: 'No, I want to resign!'"

* Obviously easy.

The last laugh

SAINT and Sinner both laughed... and went on laughing through Terry's stories about his visit to Bahrain—"the Arabs were amazed to find I'm naturally ambidextrous" and Mr Taylor's tales about the Band-of-Hope's founder, a Mrs Carlie, from Dublin—"who didn't sign the pledge until she was past 70."

But Terry-Thomas had the last word. Savouring the final sip of Burgundy, he said—"I venture to suggest, Mr Taylor, that if you'd had a glass of this excellent wine you would not be taking such a pessimistic view of drink and drinkers."

Sound argument. But judging from the way I felt the morning after I'm not sure it wasn't Mr Taylor who had the last laugh.

* Obviously easy.



The storm in the pepper pot

THE PLAN MEANT A QUICK FORTUNE AND NOTHING COULD STOP IT—EXCEPT THE REMARKABLE DISCOVERY THAT TRADERS IN THE EAST HAD PEPPER UP THEIR SLEEVES

By ALEXANDER THOMSON

IT was February 8, 1934—London in the first promise of spring. At the Adelphi Theatre in the Strand, Gertrude Lawrence was appearing in the Nymph Errand. Jack Buchanan immaculate as ever in top hat, white tie and tails, was in Mr Whittington at the Hippodrome; Chelsea was bottom of the League; and a radio firm was demonstrating an electric eye "which will bring talking pictures into the home."

While Londoners crowded the streets, buses and shops a group of men sat at lunch discussing one of the most dramatic gambles ever.

The homely pepper pot was their target. They planned to "corner" world supplies of white pepper, and double their money in a year.

But instead they lost £1,000,000. Three of them, all highly regarded in the City, ended up in gaol.

And the Lord Chief Justice said the excuses they offered were no more than those of an office-boy who took half-a-crown out of a till because he had a good tip for the Grand National.

THE PLOTTERS The most spectacular of them was Mr John Howeson, a tall, handsome man of 50 who was one of the leaders in the world's tin-mining industry. He was a man of distinction. He was a director of 19 companies, and chairman of 12. They had a total share capital of £35 million.

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WHAT makes a good love letter? Behind the words in the love letters of Lana Turner one can almost see the film cameras turning.

I miss you. I want you. I ache for you. I am your woman and I need you. MY MAN! to love and be loved by.

And so on. Many such phrases.

How easy for her to recall, consciously or subconsciously, words often spoken in make-believe in a score of film love scenes. All that she did not add was that final cliché of the film: "This is something bigger than both of us."

Cynical? Perhaps. But do others do any better?

Film star or typist, young or old, humble or grand, the same phrases come tumbling out. (As people who study the Divorce Court reports know.)

The second member of the luncheon party was a dumpy little man, Mr Garabed Bishri-gian, a successful City merchant with a mansion in Park Lane.

The others were a company director, and a Mr Walker, who was a produce broker.

Mr Walker suggested that a handsome profit could be made in dealing in pepper.

Prices were low, he explained. Consumption was increasing every year, and the market price could be doubled without affecting the retail price.

He believed that a purchase of 3,000 tons—worth £252,000—would procure complete control of the market and allow the buyers to realise a big profit before the next season's crop came in.

It all looked so simple. How could it possibly fail? So the gamble that produced the drama of the pepper pot was launched.

Quietly Mr Bishri-gian began buying pepper for the group at around 9d. a lb.

They bought their 3,000 tons. But to their surprise fresh supplies quickly arrived from the East.

They continued to buy. Their pile of pepper grew to 6,000 tons. The shortage they had anticipated still did not arise.

There was always more and more pepper arriving to replace the quantities they took off the market.

By this time they were heavily committed. To turn back would mean big losses. If they pressed on, they might still make the hoped-for killing.

So they decided to push ahead, and by September had contracts outstanding for the purchase of 11,640 tons of pepper worth £1,055,000.

And from another "sample" love letter: "As you will guess I'm writing this in my lunch hour and old Smkly is peering over his specs, in a frightfully curious way, but trying hard not to let me know it. I wonder if he wrote letters like this to Mrs S. a couple of hundred years ago? It's hard to believe."

It certainly is.

But that last letter seems to indicate that lover-boy may have been typing his letter at work. Do people, even today, type love letters? That perhaps is the most horrible thought of all.

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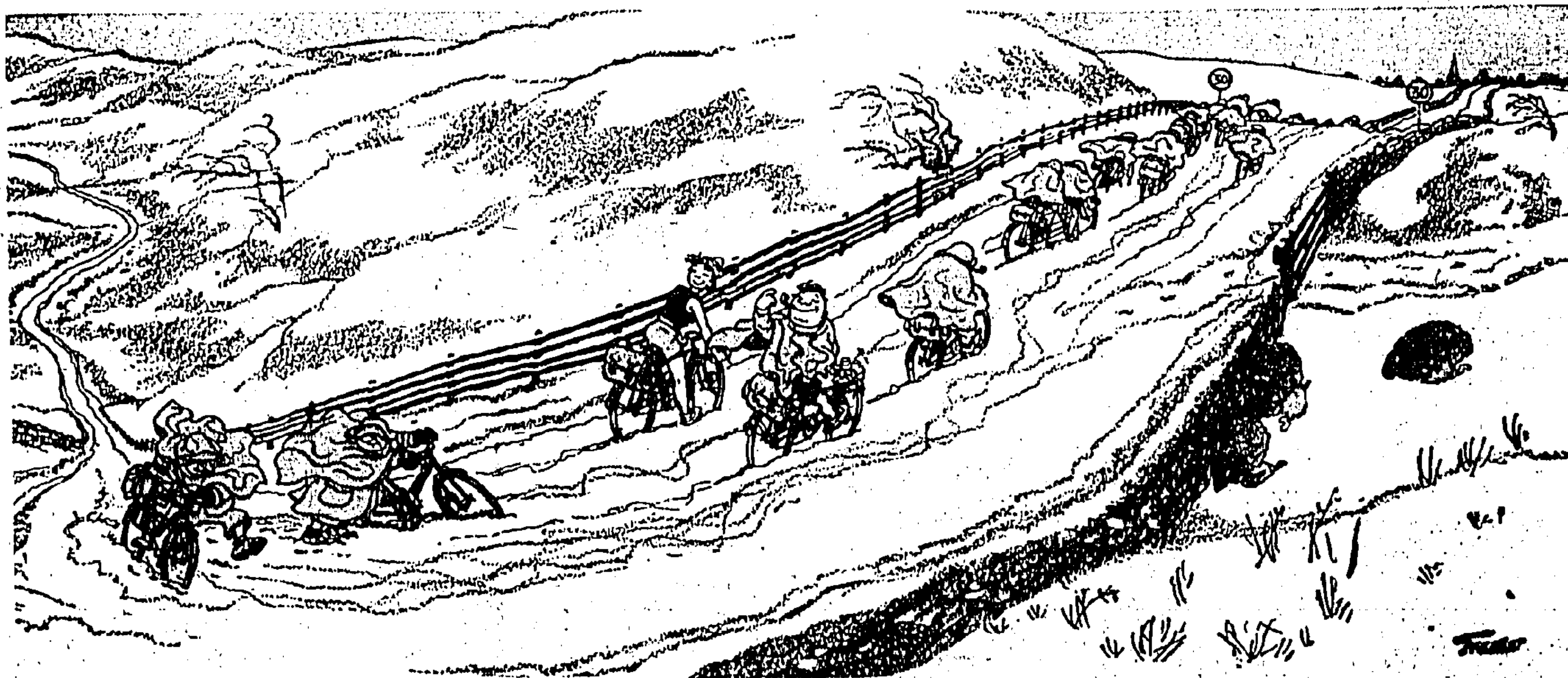
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"I've stuck three days of his 'Good old Bertie!' 'The weather'll be better tomorrow, Bertie.' You just watch Bertie if there's a cinema in the next town."

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"It's those clumsy Melbords again. I hope they don't break anything this time."

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

AN advertisement on a plane at a concert has annoyed some people. It is, however, the time is ripe for such advertisements, provided that they concern musical matters and are done tastefully.

Nobody wants to see on the side of the plane facing the audience: "Get Cracking With Chopin," or "Wagner For Peaceful Sleep." And the commercial note would have to be banned. No audience would stand for: "Polish Your Pedals With Brillelme," or "Let Potter, Geist and Potter Remove Your Piano."

Progress report

THE solitary hair on the postman's head is reported to be growing at the rate of 758.14 millimetres every 48 hours. "It must be a wig," commented a satirical cousin, twice removed (once from the Six Bells and once from the Fox and Hounds). Like the last rose of summer, all its lovely companions are faded and gone. Nor is there any sign of a male appearing. "With one hair on your head you look sillier than when you were completely bald," scolded the postman's mother. "Ma" riposted her son and heir, "it is an honour to contribute, however humbly, to the world's fund of scientific knowledge."

A letter home about Foulencough

...WE HAVE at last met that extraordinary Captain Foulencough. He is really most amusing, though everyone says he is an adventurer. Someone asked him where he was going when he left Beaulieu, and he said: "Up to Soho for the chocolate." He then told us that he knew the man who puts the shot in champagne at a smart restaurant. After dinner he did card-tricks, as a warning, he

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Hobson Choice For Defenders

By OSWALD JACOBY

HERE is another hand from my good friend Charley Coleman.

Again it is a problem in dummy play so don't look at the East and West hands if you can restrain yourself.

Against the four-spade contract West opens the king of diamonds. East plays the queen and West puts him in with the jack. East returns the three of hearts and West's king wins the trick. Another heart is played and South is in.

South plays the ace and king of trumps and drops the queen from the West hand. Now all he needs to make his contract

NORTH		EAST	
♠ 842		♠ 107	
♥ 109		♥ 753	
♦ 854		♦ 92	
♣ A94		♣ 72	
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♦ AK76		♦ 92	
♣ 1083		♣ 72	
SOUTH		EAST	
♠ AK53		♠ 107	
♥ QJ		♥ 753	
♦ 103		♦ 92	
♣ K86		♣ 72	
Both vulnerable		EAST	
West North East South		♠ 107	
Pass Pass Pass 4		♥ 753	
Pass 2 Pass 1		♦ 92	
Pass Pass Pass 4		♣ 72	
Opening lead—♦ K			

is a club finesse but if South is on his toes he will realise that the club finesse is not going to work.

West has already revealed 12 high card points. The queen of clubs would give him 14 points and he surely would have opened the bidding had this been the case.

South sees that he can make the hand if West holds the ten of clubs. Hence, he goes over to dummy and leads the jack of clubs.

Now look at the East and West hands and you see that South has brought his contract home.

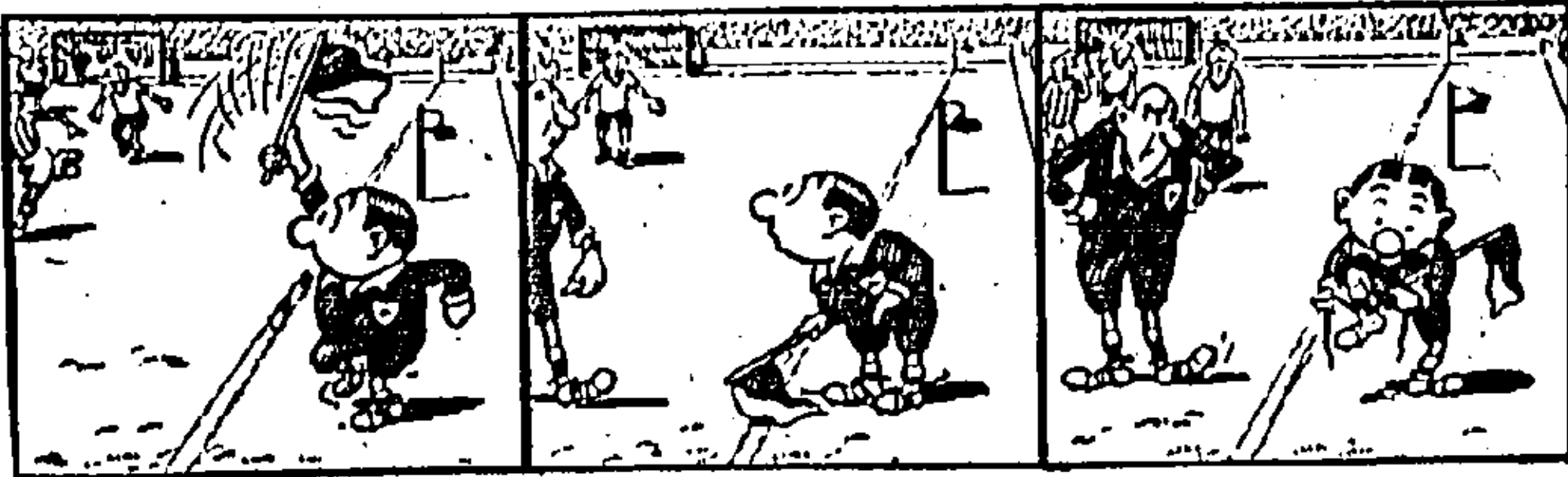
If East ducks, South just lets the jack ride. If East covers, South takes with the king and finesses successfully against West's ten.

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SPORTING SAM

by Reg. Wootton



New Zealanders Fast Shaping Into Form

The New Zealand cricket team's policy of playing a series of one-day practice matches is gradually bringing most of them into form.

At Eastbourne today, in a drawn 12-a-side game against opposition largely provided by Colonel L. C. Stevens, Meale, Playle, Reid and Darcy shone in batting and Haynes took the honours with some fast bowling.

Meale, the well built, left-hander who came to England as the surprise selection of the tour, demonstrated strength and style in driving, cutting and pulling, while hitting up 64, including a dozen fours, in 75 minutes.

Playle, a young batsman with attractive foreing strokes made 65, and Reid, powerful on both sides of the wicket, fell just short of his 50.

Stevens' team, even though it included three New Zealanders on loan, was not strong enough to make a serious challenge to a declared total of 287 for eight.

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short legs, broke the back of the early batting by taking the first three wickets in five overs and only stubborn resistance by Darcy (52) to his teammate saved the day for the scratch side.

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HOME SOCCER FIXTURES

Following are the Home soccer fixtures for tomorrow:

First Division

Birmingham v Leicester

Chelsea v Manchester U.

Everton v Liverpool

Nottingham v Arsenal

Sheff Wed v Aston Villa

Sheff Utd v Cardiff

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LAWN BOWLS TRIALS AT KBGC

24 Nations In European Zone Davis Cup Competition

London, Apr. 24. Five three-day International Tennis contests starting tomorrow will open the 1958 European Zone Davis Cup competition with the teams of 24 nations in the lists.

First teams to go into action on Friday will be Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia at Zagreb, Hungary and Brazil at Budapest, Germany and the Netherlands at Munich, Chile and Turkey at Istanbul, Egypt and Spain at Cairo. All are drawn to play first-round matches in the zone.

The remaining three first-round contests are scheduled: Luxembourg, April 20-22; India and Monaco at Monaco, April 20-22; Switzerland and Austria at Bern, May 2-4.

Those with a chance of upsetting favoured seeds are two non-European teams who have entered the zone. They are India and Chile, both expected to overcome their first-round opponents respectively Monaco and Turkey, comfortably.

India's second-round opposition then would be Italy, beaten only by Belgium with a three-two score in last year's zone final. Narath, Kumar and Hanumanth Krishnan are powerful players and should give the Italians a close contest.—United Press.

'SUGAR RAY' TO FIGHT IN ENGLAND

London, Apr. 24. Sugar Ray Robinson, World Middleweight Boxing Champion, will fight in Britain later this year, according to Mr Jack Solomon, the London promoter. Announcing this today, Mr Solomon said he spoke to the World Champion by telephone last night.—China Mail Special.

BRITISH TENNIS

Last Foreign Competitor Eliminated

Bournemouth, Apr. 24. There will be an All-British final in the women's singles of the British Hard Court Tennis Championships here.

The last "foreign" competitor, American Miss M. Arnold, was eliminated after a tough struggle with Angela Mortimer in today's quarter-finals.

The results were as follows: Shirley Bloomer (Britain) beat Pat Ward (Britain) 6-2, 6-3.

Christine Truman (Britain) beat A. Shilcock (Britain) 6-2, 5-7, 6-3.

Ann Haydon (Britain) beat Sheila Armstrong (Britain) 6-1, 3-6, 6-0.

Angela Mortimer (Britain) beat M. Arnold (US) 5-7, 6-3, 6-4.

The All-British pair of Billy Knight and J. Pickard reached the final of the men's doubles by defeating R. Lee (Britain) and P. Newman (Australia) in the semi-finals by 6-4, 6-2, 6-1.

All the other matches scheduled to be played today were put off because of rain.—France-Press.

1964 OLYMPICS

Japan To Submit Formal Application To IOC

Tokyo, Apr. 24. Japan will submit her formal invitation for holding the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo to the International Olympic Committee on or before May 13, the Japanese Olympic Preparatory Committee said today.

A spokesman said the invitation would be the formal application for candidature.

Mr Ryutaro Azuma, Chairman of the Japan Athletic Association, said the application would be "timely" since the International Olympic Committee was scheduled to meet here between May 14 and 17.—Reuter.

HOME RUGBY RESULTS

London, Apr. 24. Results of Rugby Union matches played today were: Bridgewater 3, Bath 0. Swansea 6, North G. 0. North 3, Northampton 11. Llanelli 11, Newport 6.—Reuter.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Tennis: Men's doubles grasscourt tennis final at the HKCC (replay) 5 p.m.

Golf: Annual meeting Royal Hongkong Golf Club, Deep Water Bay Clubhouse 9 p.m.

Presentation of Services golf prizes at Fanling.

TOMORROW

Racing: 12th Race Meeting (2nd Day), Happy Valley, 2 p.m.

Soccer

1st Division: RAF v Tung Wah (Club), South China v Club (Club), Police v Sing Tao (HS) all matches at 5 p.m.

2nd Division: Canton v Hong Kong v St. Joseph's (Sunday) 3.30 p.m.

3rd Division: Telephone v RAF 5.30 p.m.

4th Division: Telephone v RAF 5.30 p.m.

5th Division: Telephone v RAF 5.30 p.m.

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18th Division: Telephone v RAF 5.30 p.m.

19th Division: Telephone v RAF 5.30 p.m.

20th Division: Telephone v RAF 5.30 p.m.

21st Division: Telephone v RAF 5.30 p.m.

22nd Division: Telephone v RAF 5.30 p.m.

23rd Division: Telephone v RAF 5.30 p.m.

24th Division: Telephone

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

"DUMMIES"
Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be
surveyed by Messrs Goddard &
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and 28, 1953, and consignees
are requested to have their
representatives present during the
survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
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Hongkong, April 24, 1953.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR HONORARY CONSULTANTS

The Tung Wah Group of Hospitals invites doctors with
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	Tung Wah	Tung Wah Eastern
Surgical Consultant	2	
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Paediatric Consultant	1	1
Ear, Nose & Throat Consultant		1

These posts will be open to applicants with higher
qualifications or with special experience. Applicants should
indicate the hospital in order of preference and applications
should be sent to the Secretary, Medical Committee, Tung
Wah Hospitals c/o Medical Department, Tower Court, Hong
Kong.

(CHEUNG CHAN HON),
Chairman,
Board of Directors.

P&O R.M.S. "CHUSAN" NOTICE TO PASSENGERS

SAILS: Sunday, 27th April, 1953 at 6.00
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Bombay, Aden, Port Said and
Marseilles.

BAGGAGE: Passengers are requested to send
ALL BAGGAGE to the Hongkong &
Kowloon Wharf Co.'s Godown No. 2
GATE, CANTON ROAD ENTRANCE,
by Noon on Saturday, 26th April,
1953.

EMBARKATION: Passengers should embark between
3.30 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. on 27th
April, 1953.

SPECIAL NOTES: Baggage - With the exception of
hand packages carried by passengers
themselves, ALL BAGGAGE must
pass through the Wharf Company's
Godown for loading on board by
ship's slings only.

Importation of Sterling Notes into
U.K. - With effect from 28th
February, 1953, permission is no
longer required for the importation
of Sterling Notes into the United
Kingdom. There is, therefore, no
limit to the amount of Sterling a
traveller can take into the United
Kingdom, but it should be noted
that the maximum of \$10 in Notes
allowed outward bound still applies.

Subject to alteration with or without notice

Atom-Age Base In Mountains

FRANCE'S TOWN OF TUNNELS AT BIZERTA

By JOHN BUSH

Tunis, Apr. 24.
BIZERTA naval base,
a subject of fierce
contention in the
Franco-Tunisian dispute,
is regarded by French
military circles as an
ideally protected com-
mand post for atomic
war.

France has spent 80,000
million francs (about £20,000,000)
since World War II on
building underground command
posts and fuel and ammunition
stores between about 200 feet-
300 feet below the hard chalk
hills just north of Bizerta lake.

Even H-Bombs

French Army sources here
claim that the installations are
proof against even the hydrogen
bomb.

The Tunisians demanded total
evacuation of Bizerta, including
Bizerta base, by the French
forces, following the crisis in
relations between France and
Tunisia after the French bombing of Sakiet
Sidi Youssef village on February 8.

The French, however, declare
that they intend to stay in
Bizerta, a natural fortress where
German troops held out for six
months against the Allies during
World War II.

Bizerta shares with Brest,
Toulon and Mers-el-Kheir
(Algeria) the title of "Main
Base of the Fleet."

Less than 70 years ago,
Bizerta was merely a tiny fish-
ing port on the Mediterranean.



Then French engineers drove a
one and a half mile canal
through sand and marshes to
link the huge Bizerta lake to
the Mediterranean sea and thus
form a new harbour.

They installed there a Naval
base, complete with aerodromes,
dry docks and an arsenal em-
ploying 4,000 people. They
built coastal defence works,
barracks and fuel stores and a
merchant port at the entrance to
the canal.

Although French Army
sources here admit that Bizerta
would probably be of little use
as a harbour for the fleet in an
atomic war because such a con-
centration of vessels would
make too good a target for an
atomic bomb, they declare that
the cliff installations would form
an invaluable atom-bomb-proof
command post and supply point
for ships approaching one at a
time—and thus, perhaps, not
forming a target worth an atom
bomb.

Vulnerable

The French were planning to
build a pipeline from fuel stores
in the cliffs to the Mediterranean
to enable ships to be fuelled at
sea and save them entering
Bizerta lake through the vulner-
able canal.

But the Franco-Tunisian crisis
touched off at the beginning of

February and subsequent
Tunisian demands for evacuation
of the base brought a halt to
work on the fortifications at
Bizerta.

The cliffs beside the lake are
riddled with deep underground
chambers containing radio
centres, fuel and ammunition
stores, workshops and living
quarters. A special ventilating
system has been installed to
prevent radio-active air from
entering the labyrinth, where
about 3,000 men could work and
live.

Plans were also about to blast
underground hangars in the
rocks to make an air base which
have only its runway on the
ground.

Base Is Vital

The French claim that this
base is vital to Western defence
because from it can be control-
led all shipping between Bizerta
and Sicily. About 50,000,000
tons of shipping pass through
that stretch of the Mediterranean
every year.

The Tunisians have expressed
willingness to discuss the future
of Bizerta with the Atlantic
Allies, but not with France
alone. And they threaten to
sink barges in the canal and
block it if French warships try
to sail in.—China Mail Special.

MAIL Notices

The latest times of posting
show below are for those
registered correspondence posted
at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest
posting times elsewhere which,
in general, are earlier than the
G.P.O. times, can be ascertained
by enquiry at the local office.
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registered articles are shown
below, one hour earlier than the times
shown below. Particulars regard-
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tained by enquiry at any post
office.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

Philippines, Australia, New Zea-
land, 3 p.m.
France, 3 p.m.
Canada, 4 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle
East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe,
6 p.m.
U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Hawaii, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Philippines, Belgium, Netherlands
& Germany, 3 p.m.
Canada, 3 p.m.
Hawaii, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

Philippines, 8 a.m.
France, Shanghai, Hankow, Hol-
low, Kuning, 8.30 a.m.
Japan, 10 a.m.
Thailand, Malaysia, N. Borneo, In-
donesia, Australia, New Zealand &
Ceylon, 10 a.m.
Philippines, 1 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle
East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe,
6 p.m.
U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Hawaii, 6 p.m.
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East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe,
6 p.m.
U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Hawaii, 6 p.m.

Contractors

The Government Gazette an-
nounced this morning that the
following contractors had been
included in the contractors'
register kept by the Building
Authority.

The Belgium Co., of 181, Jaffe
Road, ground floor; and the
Eugene Mak and Co., of 26
Perceval Street, third floor.

Naturalisation

The Government Gazette an-
nounced this morning that the
following have been granted
certificates of naturalisation:

Mr. Ng Mok-yung, assistant
manager, of 54, Jaffe Road,
ground floor; and Mr. Teo-min
Shi (known as Charles Teo-min
Shi), merchant, of 2 Kln Wah
Street, ground floor, North Point.

Appointment

It was notified in this morn-
ing's Government Gazette that
the Hon. D.C. Geddes had been
appointed a member of a panel
for the purpose of Regulation 8,
of Emergency (Detention
Orders) Regulations, 1950, as
from April 19.

OVERFLOW YOUTHS TO GET COMMANDO TRAINING

By HAIG NICHOLSON

Cape Town, April 24.

PLANS are now being drawn up to make compulsory
for about 4,000 young South Africans who, each year,
cannot be incorporated in the Active Citizen Force, or Ter-
ritorial Army, to join the commandos.

They will be called on to do
service either in peace-time
emergencies or in war.

The plans were recently an-
nounced by the Minister of
Defence, Mr. F. C. Erasmus,
who revealed that, distributed
throughout South Africa, there
are now 175 commandos with a
strength of 73,000 men.

Entry into the Active Citizen
Force is required by an annual
bullet. Those whose names are
drawn are called upon to do
training each year. But thou-
sands of names are not drawn.
It is from these that the 4,000
young men are to be drafted
each year into the commandos
by a method of selection which
is now being devised.

Three Roles

Mr. Erasmus said that the
commandos would have three
roles:

★ They would form the
core from which officers and
battalions (other ranks) could
be recruited in time of war.

★ They would help in times
of emergency to provide
civilian services. This was
a role, Mr. Erasmus said, which
seen from the viewpoint of in-
ternational developments, should
not be overlooked.

★ They could be used as
organised groups to en-
force security in the most
remote parts of the country.

"In these three aims," he said,
"the nature and essence of the

commando system are 'locked
up'.

"I have heard military men
overseas remark that they would
give anything to have in their
countries such a voluntary
military system for internal
security."

Mr. Erasmus stated that next
year would be the bicentenary
of the institution of the com-
mando system in South Africa—
Boer commandos played an im-
portant role in the South African
War—and added that com-
mandos are a symbol of a rich
tradition.

Inestimable

"The commando idea," he
remarked, "has not only become
part of our national tradition,
but has grown with the South
African people and is of inesti-
mable value."

Commandant-General H. B.
Klopper, Chief of the Union
Defence Force, said that while
the main intention of the annual
bullet is to provide recruits for
the Active Citizen Force, in
future, about 4,000 youths whose
names had not been drawn
would provide trainees for the
commando units.

"They will be selected from
the age group required to
register for training under the
terms of the Defence Act," he
added.

Commandant-General Klopper
emphasised that no reduction
was planned in the strength of
the Active Citizen Force but
there would be increased ex-
penditure by the commando
units to which the 4,000 youths
were drafted.

He said that a sum of
£1,134,000 had been set aside this
year for commando training.

No Distinction

"Commando recruits," he
added, "will be posted to the
units in the areas nearest their
homes. No distinction in the
allocation of youths to
commando units will be made
between town and country
recruits. This, in effect,
means that youths living in the
cities may be assigned to country
commando units."

The absorption of part of the
Active Citizen Force overflow
into commando units has been
described by Mr. Erasmus as "an
important change" in the
Union's defence training plan.—
China Mail Special.

New Zealanders Become Travel-Conscious

Wellington, Apr. 24.

NEW Zealanders have begun to take their place
among the world's most travel-conscious
peoples. An unprecedented boom in overseas
tourism has sent thousands flocking to Australia,
the United Kingdom and the Pacific Islands since
World War II.

They are discovering, too,
that their country, once one
of the most isolated in the
world, is no longer isolated. It
is more remote.

Overseas travel facilities have
increased by leaps and bounds
in the past few years. This
year, one of the world's largest
shipping companies has
scheduled 50 per cent more
Pacific sailings than in 1952.
Ships will be switched from
Mediterranean cruises to keep
pace with Pacific traffic.

Boosted

The Olympic Games in
Melbourne boosted New
Zealand-Australia traffic to
new peaks. Better air and
sea services are increasing the
flow across the Pacific to
Tahiti, Fiji, Hawaii and North
America.

Eight shipping companies
now run regular passenger
services from New Zealand to
overseas ports, and other
companies have started oc-
casional sailings.

Four international airlines
fly New Zealanders to every
corner of the earth. But
Pacific travel, once disregarded
by most New Zealanders, has
begun to gain real popularity
among the Dominion's travel-
ling thousands.

New Zealanders have just
begun to realise that some of
the world's most romantic
tourist attractions lie at New
Zealand's backdoor. To Euro-
peans, the islands are still
only dots on the map, but New
Zealanders are discovering that
they are neighbours, rivalled
in accessibility only by
Australia.

Beauty Spots

Shipping companies have
realised the tourist potential in
the islands, and are increasing
their services in the area. As
Sir Austin Anderson, head of
the Orient Line, says: "We are
sending the ships where the
demand is. I believe Pacific
tourism will grow even faster
in future than it has in the
past three years."

Some of the Pacific beauty
spots which New Zealanders
are visiting are: New Caledonia,
Fiji, an island group made
up of 300 islands with no

island quite the same as
another. With Levu, which
houses the capital, Suva, is
one of the largest, with an
area of 4,000 square miles.
The Pacific, like Levu, is an
important link in international
air routes and one of the most
cosmopolitan islands in the
Pacific.

Its people include smiling
Fijians, sun-kissed Indians,
white-suited Europeans, bland
Chinese, gaily-dressed Tahitians,
Tongans, Samoans, Rotumans,
Solomon Islanders, Cook
Islanders—indeed every race in
the Pacific adds its own colour
and grace.

Tahiti: New Zealanders are
discovering that Tahiti has
the loveliness of remote places.
Artists from every corner of
the earth have tried to capture
Tahiti's beauty. Now, New
Zealand travellers have begun
to go out to see this beauty
for themselves.

Polynesians

Samoa: Western Samoa is a
Trust Territory administered
for the United Nations by New
Zealand. Samoans—there are
80,000 of them—are Polynesians,
like the Tahitians. However,
the Samoan has retained a
greater degree of Polynesian
than the inhabitant of any
other Polynesian island. The
Samoans are displaying a
growing desire for indepen-
dence, and, often, through the
influence of tourists, display a
facility for absorbing Western
ideas which can be successfully
combined with their own
traditional way of life to assist
them to a higher standard of
living.

Although these famous
beauty spots draw many
tourists from New Zealand, the
Dominion is not forgetting to
put forward its own attractions.
New Zealand, like Britain, is
recognising that the tourist
industry is here to stay, and
the countries which tourism
chooses to enrich are the
countries which go out of their
way to court it.

Last year, New Zealand
earned £3,000,000 sterling from
35,000 visitors. Nearly 40,000
people were employed by
tourist organisations.—China
Mail Special.

From the Files

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years
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CADRE writes to the Editor
of the S.C.M. Post adding
his comment on the editorial
on Defence of Hongkong—Sir.
Many responsible readers will
apply your leading article of
this morning (April 19). Not
so many, however, will welcome
the suggestion that conscription
is the cure for lackness in local
volunteering. The idea that we
should change the name of the
"Volunteer Defence Corps" to
that of "Citizens Defence
Corps" has its point, but will
it serve to induce the great bulk
of our local Civil Servants to
literally defend their jobs and
their pensions?—Cadre.

★ ★ ★

With the Radio Sports Club
having been declared champions
of the Hamsley Hockey Tourna-
ment, they will meet the Rest
in the final match of the season
this afternoon (April 22).

★ ★ ★

WHEN a European motorist
goes to Connaught Road
this morning (April 13) to col-
lect the car he priced into last
night, he will realise the truth
of the time-worn adage of
"more haste, less speed." He
drove his Morris car to the
Star Ferry Wharf, left it on
the stairs and went to catch the
ferry. Scarcely was he on
board when the car began to
move and ran over into the
harbour, while the owner con-
tinued on the ferry unaware of
the mishap.

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In the somewhat gloomy but
dignified Great Hall of that old
educational institution, Queen's
College, representatives of three
generations will gather this
evening (April 22) to pay
tribute to their Alma Mater on
the occasion of the 11th annual
dinner of the Queen's College
Old Boys' Association. The
dinner is to be held at 7.30 p.m.
and is to be a most enjoyable
affair. Those who have been
of the school during the past 50
years. Three generations will
meet on equal terms, fathers
rub shoulders with sons, sons
with their employees. The
QCBOA was founded in 1920.
This year (1953) the Association
has for its president Mr. A. J.
Arculli, one of the school's most
illustrious sons.

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THE appointment of Mr.
Albert B. Bates as 2/Lt in
the Anzac Coy of the HKVDC
was gazetted yesterday (April
21). Mr. Bates has now held a
commission in every branch of
the service. He has been 1st Cdr
Bates, RN, and is an emergency
list of the Royal Aus-
tralian Navy. For a time, he
was attached to the RAAF, hold-
ing a commission as Flt/Lt.
Now, in the parlance of his
company, he has joined the
rank of the beetle crushers.
Having spent part of his time
with the Navy in submarines,
Mr. Bates has served under the
sea, on the sea, on land and in
the air—a unique record. (Mr.
Bates returned to Hongkong as
Lt in the RN in November
1945, and was 1/c of HMS
Tamar. He saw service with the
Royal Australian Navy to which
he was seconded.)

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The annual meeting of the
Hongkong Engineering and
Construction Co., Ltd. will be
held on May 3. The annual re-
port states: "The net profit for
the year, after charging \$8,884.42
for depreciation and providing
for the directors' and auditors'
fees, amount to \$3,256.03, to
which has to be added balance
brought forward from last ac-
count, \$28,999.58, making a total
of \$34,255.61, which is recom-
mended should be carried to the
credit of next year's account."

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A MEETING of the Board of
Education was held on
Wednesday last (April 19),
members present being the
Director of Education, Mr. N. L.
Smith (Chairman), the Senior
Inspector of Vernacular
Schools, Mr. Y. P. Law, Mr. A.
J. Arculli, the Rev. F. Byrne,
Captain P. S. Cannon, Mr. Lee
D'Almeida, Mr. C. Carron, Mr.
H. B. L. Dowling, Mr. Wil-
liam Hornell, the Rev. P. Short,
the Mrs. S. W. Tso and Mr. H. K.
Woo. The Chairman informed
the Board that the new Junior
Technical School was opened
early in February. The reports
of the Medical Officer of
Schools for the months of
January and February were
laid on the table.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

STOCK MARKET LEVELS OFF

Allied Investors Have Spectacular Gains

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange continued to level off this week after its upward climb a few weeks ago and many counters were practically unchanged.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Our Own Correspondent

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$203,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions were:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
BANKS			
HK Bank	780	780	
Insurance			
Union	72	72	72
SHIPPING			
Wanchook	605	615	
DOCKS, ETC.			
Dock	41	50	
President	1130	1140	1000
LAND, ETC.			
HK Land	1700	30	500
Realty	1225	1250	100
Utilities			
Electric	2010	2020	200
Telephone	2010	2020	200
INDUSTRIALS			
Central	20	20	20
Stores, ETC.			
Dairy	16	16	16
Waters	10	10	10
COTTONS			
Yam Seng	3000	6	6
INVESTMENTS			
Allied	430	450	
Singapore	1	1	

LONDON STOCK MARKET

London, Apr. 24. Stock markets had a fairly satisfactory day though the turnover at 7.741 bargains, was nothing to brag about.

British Governments were in demand though most of them met some selling just before the close and held not gains of only 1/10 or 1/8. A few instances there were rises of 3/10 or even 5/10.

Industrials were rather neglected but a few contrived to gain or lose 1/4 or 1/2. International Nickel lost 3 points to 134 on its reduction of activity.

Oils were active with Canadian Eagle appearing repeatedly on the tape and finally, like Burmah and Shell, gaining 1/3. Royal Dutch rose 2/8 and British Petroleum 2/8.

Suez Canal rose 2 1/2 to 258. Japanese showed some strength with the 1910s and the 1920s up 1/2, both associated and non-associated. The 1930s eased 1/2, both categories. Only change in Germany was a rise of 1/2 in the Young Loan.

Dollar stocks were moderately higher though their premium eased 1/4 to 4 1/4 per cent. United Press.

London Metal Prices

Prices of metals closed today in sterling per long ton as follows:

	Buyers	Sellers
3-month	730	730
6-month	730	730
9-month	730	730
12-month	730	730
Lead 2nd half	730	730
April	730	730
May	730	730
June	730	730
July	730	730

United Press.

★ The Share Market At A Glance ★

	Mar. 20	Mar. 27	Apr. 10	Apr. 17	Apr. 24	Up or
HK Bank	785	785	785	785	785	Down
Union	72	72	72	72	72	Steady
Wanchook	605	615	625	635	645	Steady
HK Wharf	1200	1170	1140	1110	1080	Steady
HK Docks	1100	1080	1060	1040	1020	Steady
President	1130	1140	1150	1160	1170	Steady
HK Hotels	1570	1580	1590	1600	1610	Steady
HK Land	1700	1710	1720	1730	1740	Steady
HK Realty	1225	1235	1245	1255	1265	Steady
HK Tram	2200	2210	2220	2230	2240	Steady
Star Ferry	1150	1160	1170	1180	1190	Steady
Yam Seng	3000	3010	3020	3030	3040	Steady
Ch. Light	17	17	17	17	17	Steady
Electric	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050	Steady
HK Telephone	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050	Steady
Q. I. Cement	210	210	210	210	210	Steady
Dairy Farm	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	Steady
A. S. Watson	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	Steady
Yangtze	400	400	400	400	400	Steady
Allied	430	430	430	430	430	Steady
HK & FE Inv	100	100	100	100	100	Steady
Textile Corp	400	400	400	400	400	Steady
Nanyang	9150	9150	9150	9150	9150	Steady

NEW YORK RUBBER MARKET

New York, Apr. 24. Rex rubber futures today closed 25 to 35 points lower with sales of 100 contracts.

May 2015; June 2010; Sept. 2005; Nov. 2000; Dec. 1995; Mar. 1990; May 1985.

Futures developed business in company with London on the best volume in some days. Selling followed reports to the effect that the export ban on shipments out of Central Sumatra had been lifted. Dealers expected a substantial quantity of rubber, along with cupra, was available for shipment.

Dealers' sentiment heightened with reports of a more reserved attitude on the part of Russian buyers in the London market.

Trade news on the home front also was discouraging. Prices in the U.S. market were output sources indicated a sharp decline in the U.S. market.

Estimated 59,314 units, the lowest in six years.

Because of the gloomy auto picture, some dealers have been forecasting a sharp decline in the U.S. market.

Shipment business today was negligible. However, in the New York delivery market, some three rib smoked sheet, Oct/Nov, delivery, reportedly moved at 33 1/2 cents and some July/Sept, one sheet at 20 1/2 cents.

Offerings of three browns were reported for shipment at 20 1/2 cents, May at 20 1/2 cents, June at 20 1/2 cents, July at 20 1/2 cents, and August at 20 1/2 cents.

Overseas markets declined in sympathy with Singapore but market ignored this during the morning and most of the day.

Premium on spot and May reduced during the day as there positions offered freely.

Interest in lower grades was sparse.

Futures: No. 1 rubber per lb. May 70 1/2-70 3/4; No. 2 rubber per lb. May 68 1/2-68 3/4; No. 3 rubber per lb. May 66 1/2-66 3/4; No. 4 rubber per lb. May 64 1/2-64 3/4; No. 5 rubber per lb. May 62 1/2-62 3/4; No. 6 rubber per lb. May 60 1/2-60 3/4; No. 7 rubber per lb. May 58 1/2-58 3/4; No. 8 rubber per lb. May 56 1/2-56 3/4; No. 9 rubber per lb. May 54 1/2-54 3/4; No. 10 rubber per lb. May 52 1/2-52 3/4; No. 11 rubber per lb. May 50 1/2-50 3/4; No. 12 rubber per lb. May 48 1/2-48 3/4; No. 13 rubber per lb. May 46 1/2-46 3/4; No. 14 rubber per lb. May 44 1/2-44 3/4; No. 15 rubber per lb. May 42 1/2-42 3/4; No. 16 rubber per lb. May 40 1/2-40 3/4; No. 17 rubber per lb. May 38 1/2-38 3/4; No. 18 rubber per lb. May 36 1/2-36 3/4; No. 19 rubber per lb. May 34 1/2-34 3/4; No. 20 rubber per lb. May 32 1/2-32 3/4; No. 21 rubber per lb. May 30 1/2-30 3/4; No. 22 rubber per lb. May 28 1/2-28 3/4; No. 23 rubber per lb. May 26 1/2-26 3/4; No. 24 rubber per lb. 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FIVE APPEALS DISMISSED BY JUDGE

Two appeals against conviction and three against sentence were dismissed by the Acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice T. J. Gould, at the Appeals Court this morning.

Appealing against a conviction of heroin possession, Wong Man-chik, who was sentenced to four months by Mr D. Carr, said that he had been "framed up" by the Police. He denied possession of the heroin.

Another appellant, Kwan Yu, sentenced to 18 weeks for larceny, said that he had also been "framed up" by the Police. Dismissing the appeal, Mr Justice Gould said the trial Magistrate had listened to the evidence by the Prosecution and the defendants and they disbelieved the defendants.

His Lordship said he was satisfied that the appellants had been rightly convicted.

Three other appellants appealing against sentence pleaded that they had to support their aged parents and families. They were Wong Poon, sentenced to nine months for heroin possession, Liu Kien-in, sentenced to six months for heroin possession and Mul Wing-kwong, sentenced to two years for demanding money with menaces.

Dismissing the appeals, Mr Justice Gould said the sentences passed on them were just ones.



Dangerous Drugs Case Adjourned

Judge H. H. B. How in the Victoria District Court this morning adjourned hearing of the case in which an Indian and a Chinese are accused of conspiring with others to deal in dangerous drugs and possession of drugs until 2.30 this afternoon when the case for the Prosecution is expected to start.

The accused are Mohindra Verma, 39, of 111-1 Macdonnell Road, and Pui Siu-hung, 35, unemployed, of 173 Wink Lok Street, West, second floor. They are accused of conspiring between October 26, 1957 and February 22 this year to deal in opium and possession of 1,076 pounds of opium on February 22.

MORE TIME

Mr V. L. J. D'Alton, (instructed by Mr P. L. Lam) representing Verma, applied for adjournment on the ground that he needed more time to go through the large number of documents and exhibits of the case, and he indicated that the Prosecution had no objection. Pui was represented by Mr Richard Winter, instructed by Mr A. S. C. Conner of Hastings and Co. Pui's bail was fixed at \$15,000 cash.

Mr D. E. Greenfield and Mr D. G. Willis, both Crown Counsel, appeared for the Prosecution.

Cancelled

The Government Gazette notified this morning that the licence of the Hang Shun Gold Dealer had been cancelled.

GARRISON PLAYERS' HIT

By JOHN LUFF

"You Can't Take It With You" by Kaufman and Hart, presented by the Garrison Players at King George Hall, The Mission to Seamen, on April 24, 25 and 26 at 8 p.m. Directed by Tim Brinton, Penelope Sycamore, Barbara Lawrence, Esie Carmichael, Eugene Kenyon, Rhea, Helen Brown, Paul Sycamore, Charles Gabley, Mr De Pina, Loren E. Lawrence, Ed. Carmichael, Ron Colbourne, Donald, George Crosby, Martin Vanderhor, George Ramage, Alice Sycamore, Angela Seach, Henderson, Denis Hood, Tony Kirby, Ray Lamontagne, John Pethbridge, Gay Wellington, Thelma Stuart, Mr Kirby, Norman C. Barnes, Mrs Kirby, Jean Barnes, Phil Kennedy, Ted Thomas, The Grand Duchesse Olga Katrina, Mollie Crosbie.

Once again, the producer takes the honours. This time, untidy, and at times, rather mad script, gets for superb production, which fortunately, it found with Tim Brinton. What would have happened had it fallen into the hands of someone who didn't mind having a go? I dare not imagine. As it turned out, the Garrison Players had their biggest first night audience, and on the whole, a very enthusiastic reception.

This play, born of that period of disillusionment, when America could maintain prosperity with all the world's gold in her vaults, take it with her, shows three generations of a family enjoying life in their own way, whether it be with snakes or typewriters, or a few cents worth of saltpeetre and sulphur. It also points out how silly it is to go piling up dollars at the expense of stomach ulcers, and that having a good time is doing that task really really love doing. So the play takes a whimsy course with much laughter from the audience, and a round of applause at each curtain.

FORCEFUL

Taking the acting, you have a very forceful personality in Barbara Lawrence, and the dominating force of the play, she takes the centre; she had a better idea of her part than the other lead players, and is certainly the star of this production.

George Ramage takes over the Barrymore role of grandfather, a kind of patriarch who makes sense of insanity in a world sane insane. As I recall the part, his unburied pace was deliberately scripted to show that high pressure tactics which leave no time for men to articulate their words, are a form of social insanity. Had he timed his entrance to meet the crisp fire delivery of Barbara Lawrence, the part would have been even more heightened.

John Pethbridge's Kolonichov is another delicious part, and he and the audience got plenty of fun out of it. As this unduly play has to be sewn up somewhere, there is a scene where a Russian refugee of noble birth, who now rules a kitchen instead of an estate, makes a grand entry to demonstrate the culinary arts. The role is taken over by Mollie Crosbie, and it certainly tops off the night, as somehow all the business of G. Men, fireworks, Wall Street ulcers, and pei snakes, make a sort of neat crazy path through the zany epic of the last sane family alive.

A WINNER

The Garrison Players' boldness in putting on this American play, has been well rewarded. The applause they received last night must send them on tonight and tomorrow night with increased confidence. They will bring down the curtain on this production, and this season a winner. And a very well deserved one.

Air Excursion

Effective immediately Japan Air Lines has announced introduction of a reduced tourist excursion rate between Hongkong and Bangkok of HK\$972 for the round trip. With three DC-4B flights per week, JAL expects a big increase in travellers between two of the most interesting cities of the world.



Mr C. W. Greaves with the Anzac wreath at the Cenotaph this morning.—Staff Photographer.

ANZAC DAY AT THE CENOTAPH

Anzac Day was commemorated this morning with a wreath-laying ceremony at the Cenotaph.

Four sentries drawn from the East Lancashire Regiment took up positions at the corners of the monument. A contingent of the Royal Australian Air Force was drawn up on the western side of the Cenotaph.

A bugler from the East Lancashire, sounded the Last Post after the wreath-laying. One-minute silence was observed and the bugler sounded Reveille.

WREATHS LAID

Wreaths were laid by the following representatives: Anzac Wreath (Mr C. W. Greaves), Commonwealth of Australia (Mr K. Ridley), Australian Residents (Dr Herbert K. Wong), Australian Combined Services (Mr L. I. McLean), British Legion (Mr J. C. M. Greenham), French Ex-Servicemen (Mr P. A. La Roche), New Zealand Residents of Hongkong (Mr K. M. Almond), New Zealand Government (Mr Foss Shannahan), New Zealand Combined Services (Squadron Leader J. C. Stuart, DFC).

Man Accused Of Wounding Late Employer

A man was accused at the Criminal Sessions this morning of attacking and wounding the manager of the Practical Bookshop, of D'Aguiar Street, who had dismissed him from the shop a month before the incident.

Liu Tai-wai, 20, is standing trial on a charge of wounding Wong Chun-lan, with intent to murder and, alternatively, with wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

The case is before Mr Justice C. W. Greaves and a Jury of three men and four women. Mr V. L. J. D'Alton, instructed by Hastings and Co., is defending Liu. Mr M. Morley-John, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting.

Mr Morley-John told the Jury that Liu started working at the Practical Bookshop in June last year. On December 26, the manager dismissed him without notice.

In lieu of notice, however, he gave the accused one month's pay, after first deducting a sum of money Liu owed.

On Staircase

On January 25, Wong, who lived at 66 Queen's Road East, fourth floor, arrived home about 8 p.m. He met Liu on a staircase landing.

The accused was standing on the landing and looking down at him. Before Wong had a chance to speak, Liu, it was alleged, struck him on the head, rendering him unconscious.

Wong was taken to hospital, where he was found to have a fractured skull. An operation was performed. He was discharged on February 10. Liu was arrested on February 13. Giving evidence, the bookshop manager said the reason he dismissed Liu was because of his low standard of English.

A few days after he had dismissed him, Liu came to his room and tried to borrow money. He told Liu to approach him at the shop the following day.

Accordingly, the complainant said, Liu saw him at the shop, but he refused the loan to Liu. A few evenings later, he saw the accused again. The latter asked for a loan of \$10. And he gave it to him.

In Street

Some days later, he again met Liu, in the street. Wong went on. Liu asked for a further loan of \$10 and received it.

Regarding the staircase incident of January 25, Wong said that just as he was about to greet Liu, he received a blow on the head.

Cross-examined, Wong said he and the accused had always been on friendly terms while Liu worked in the bookshop. When he dismissed Liu, the latter did not grumble or complain.

Questioned on the first occasion when Liu tried to borrow money from him and he

refused the loan, Wong said Liu did not show any resentment.

Asked about the lighting on the staircase, Wong said there was no light on that landing at the time he was attacked. But he said he could recognise the accused because of a reflection of light coming from within the building.

Fleeing Moment

He did not see what Liu used to hit him on the head, Wong said. Liu was wearing a windbreaker and a cap. The cap peak was pulled right down over his face, but he could still make out who he was because the (witness) was on a lower level.

Wong said the staircase encounter lasted only a fleeting moment. He agreed he was short-lighted, but said that he always wore spectacles and that he could see well with spectacles.

Mr D'Alton asked Wong if he could suggest any reason why Liu, who had had good relations with him, should attack him without a word. Wong said he did not know. Hearing is continuing.

Committee To Advise On Stamps

It was notified in the Government Gazette today that the following had been appointed to the Committee to advise on the prize winning entries in the competition for the designs for new issues of Hongkong postage stamps.

Mr A. G. Crook (Acting Postmaster General), Hon. C. E. M. Terry, the Rev. Fr. R. Zeller, Mr Y. K. Kan, Mr Sing-woo Zuo, Mr C. d'Almada (representing the Hongkong Philatelic Society) and Mr J. L. Murray (Public Relations Officer).

Mr J. A. M. Tinson (Acting Chief Clerk, Colonial Secretariat) and Mr R. L. J. Wright (Production Officer, of Public Relations Office) have been appointed Joint Secretaries to the Committee.

Struck Off

The Government Gazette announced this morning that the name of the Hunkow Ice Works Ltd. had been struck off the register of Companies and the company was dissolved.

The Gazette also notified that two companies, Empire Knitting Mills Ltd. and Hide, Fur and Skin Brokers (Hongkong) Ltd. would, unless cause was shown to the contrary, be struck off the register and the companies would be dissolved at the expiration of three months from today.

The new American Consul General, Mr James Byrd Pithers, accompanied by his wife, arrived from Taipei by CAT this morning to assume his post.

WHITE PYTHON NOW HAS CHINESE NAME

By A STAFF REPORTER

"Serata" — the 12-pound, nine-foot white python which was introduced to the Hongkong public by Swissair few days ago, now has a Chinese name.

Mr Allan Prior, a young Hongkong writer who has just put the finishing touches to his English version of the immortal Chinese fairy-tale classic "The White Snake Lady" thinks it is most appropriate to name the reptile "Pei Su-ching" or the White Modest Beauty.

"This is the name of a legendary white snake of Chinese fable," Mr Prior said this morning. "The fairy tale has been celebrated in Chinese opera and in many Chinese films from time to time."

The writer and the snake met for the first time this morning and the reptile was christened with the Chinese name.

The White Snake Lady, a new English language version of this immortal Chinese legend will soon be published in Japan. At the same time, Mr Prior revealed, a Toole full-length coloured cartoon film is now being produced based on this story and will be released in June or one now being made with Swissair and Mr Peter Ryhiner the hunter-owner of Miss Pei Su-ching to have the python on display in Japan at the premiere of the cartoon.

UNIQUE

Another personality who is interested in the white python is Mr E. Esmond, a Fellow of the Zoological Society.

This morning he said the white python was really something unique. "I can find no scientific reference or record about a white python," he said. "To have the opportunity of seeing it is not just once in a lifetime," Mr Esmond added, "it is once in a 1,000 years!"

Mr Esmond said that the "white" python was not an albino for that would mean that the reptile had pink eyes. "But it has blue eyes. I would say it's a freak of nature like you read about a snake or cow with two heads."

The reptile was put on display on Wednesday afternoon and Swissair had to withdraw it yesterday afternoon on the advice of the Police and Lane Crawford's. The crowd was so large that it was feared that the window might be smashed.

Appointment

The Government Gazette announced this morning that Mr Richard Franks had been appointed a member of the Dangerous Goods Standing Committee as from April 16 in the absence of Mr R. A. Wickerson.

Government Appointments Gazetted

The following appointments, postings, transfers and promotions in the various Government departments were announced in today's Government Gazette:

Medical

Miss E.A. Dixon to be Nursing Sister (Psychiatric) as from March 15.

Education

Mr A.P. Hughes to be Education Officer as from March 15.

Public Works

Mr J.T. Blair to be Engineer as from April 15.

Justice

Mr H. H. B. How has been appointed to act as a District Judge as from April 22 upon the departure of Judge James Wicks.

Establishment

The confirmation of Mr R. J. Capern, Briefing Officer, Miss E. S. Booth, Nursing Sister and Miss F. White, Senior Sister Tutor, to their respective permanent and pensionable establishments has been approved.

Chi Pai-Shi Exhibition Reopened

The Chi Pai-Shi exhibition of paintings at the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce has been reopened for today and tomorrow.

The exhibition attracted over 5,000 people in three days. An additional 50 paintings, including some owned by Mr Runcie Shaw and Mrs A. F. Headlam, are now on show.

The China Mail was told this morning that there is a Chi Pai-Shi exhibition at present in the Ethnological Museum in Halifax.

Censors

It was notified in today's Government Gazette that Mrs E. M. Davis ceased to be a member of the panel of censors as from April 1.

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